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## ED arrests Cong MLA Satish Sail in iron ore theft case

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** The Directorate of Enforcement (ED) on Tuesday arrested Congress MLA from Karwar Satish Sail in connection with a case of iron ore theft and illegal transport.

The agency had registered an ECIR (Enforcement Case Information Report) against the legislator and searched his residences in Karwar and Bengaluru on August 13 and 14, reportedly seizing Rs 13 crore in cash and gold ornaments.

The ED arrested Sail after he reportedly failed to appear for questioning in the case.

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# Youth upheaval torches Nepal, fells PM & Prez

**Carnage in Kathmandu: DAY 2**

- Though ban on websites is revoked late Monday night, agitators vent ire against graft, 19 deaths
- Demonstrators attack and set fire to PM Oli's pvt residence; Nepal's parliament is set ablaze
- Properties of politicians, including Nepal President, and govt buildings targeted
- Top brass of Nepali Army, security agencies issue joint statement, call for restraint

Fire rages through the Singha Durbar, the main administrative building for the Nepali government, in Kathmandu on Tuesday. AFP

Protesters celebrate standing at the top of the Singha Durbar. AP/PTI

### How the fuse was lit

- The Gen Z group has been campaigning against graft for some time on social media; there was anger over lack of jobs as well
- The group has been posting videos and images, questioning sources of wealth of children of ministers and other influential figures
- When the govt banned 26 social media sites, agitators felt the ban was an attempt to stifle free speech
- The combustible situation exploded on Monday when thousands of agitators hit the streets over the ban

I have resigned from the post of prime minister with effect from today... in order to take further steps towards a political solution and resolution of the problems.

**KP Sharma Oli**
Nepal PM

### What next?

- Constitutional lawyer Dipendra Jha said in a "revolution, constitutional or legal provisions do not apply"
- Protesters, leaders who are trusted by them and the army should come together to pave the way for a caretaker govt

## Army takes charge of security; ex-PM's wife reportedly dies after house set afire

KATHMANDU, AGENCIES

Nepal was in serious political turmoil on Tuesday as Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli resigned in the face of massive anti-government protests, even as demonstrators attacked private residences of several leaders and set fire to parliament following the deaths of 19 people in police action.

The students-led "Gen Z" protests that began against a government ban on social media expanded into a larger campaign reflecting growing public criticism of the Oli dispensation and the country's political elite over alleged corruption and apathy towards the common people.

In the evening, the Nepalese Army called for calm and dialogue to resolve the crisis.

The army took charge of security from 10 pm and warned that all security mechanisms will be mobilised to contain the violence if such activities continue. In a video message, Army Chief Ashok Raj Sigdel asked the protesting groups to suspend their agitation. The army also took control of the Tribhuvan International Airport.

Hours before Oli's resignation, the protesters set on fire the Nepalese leader's private house in Balkot, and attacked properties of President Ramchandra Paudel, former prime minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal, Communication minister Prithvi Subba Gurung, former home minister Ramesh Lekhak and former prime minister Sher Bahadur Deuba.

A mob set a house belonging to former prime minister Jhala Nath Khanal on fire in Dallu. His wife, Rajyalaxmi Chitrakar, who was trapped inside the house, sustained serious burn injuries. She reportedly succumbed to her injuries at a hospital.

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### Kannadigas stranded

CM Siddaramaiah on Tuesday instructed Chief Secretary Shalini Rajneesh to ensure the safe return of 39 Kannadigas stranded at the Kathmandu airport. The 39-member group, which had gone to Kathmandu on August 24 for a two-week vacation, is stuck at the airport due to protests.

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### India tracking situation

India is closely monitoring the evolving situation in Nepal, where a brutal police crackdown on youths agitating against corruption and social media ban led to the death of at least 19 protesters on Monday. India stated that it was deeply saddened by the loss of many young lives in Nepal.

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## Quickly

### Yellow Line trains to run every 19 mins

Starting Wednesday, train frequency on the Yellow Line is set to improve as Namma Metro will induct a fourth trainset into revenue service. Trains will run every 19 minutes instead of every 25 minutes on all days of the week. Services will begin at 6 am, instead of 6.30 am, from Monday to Saturday.

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### Gold surges Rs 5,080 to hit fresh peak

Gold prices skyrocketed by Rs 5,080 to hit an all-time high of Rs 1,12,750 per 10 grams in the national capital on Tuesday in line with strong global trends. Precious metal prices have added Rs 33,800 per 10 grams or nearly 43% in the current calendar year, climbing from Rs 78,950 per 10 grams on December 31, 2024.

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### Farmers lock up forest staff in cage

Farmers, irked over the alleged negligence of the Forest Department in capturing the tiger attacking their livestock, locked the department staffers in a cage laid to capture a tiger at Bommalapura village in Chamarajanagar district on Tuesday. The farmers said incidents of wild animals killing their livestock are being reported in villages bordering the Bandipur Tiger Reserve.

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# NDA's Radhakrishnan is new VP; signs of cross-voting

## Gets 452 1st preference votes to rival Reddy's 300

SHEMIN JOY & AMRITA MADHUKALYA
NEW DELHI, DHNS

NDA candidate CP Radhakrishnan was on Tuesday elected the 15th Vice President of India after defeating Opposition joint candidate Justice B Sudershan Reddy in an electoral battle that saw the ruling BJP wean away at least 13 MPs from the rival side.

Returning Officer P C Mody announced that Radhakrishnan got 452 first preference votes while Reddy secured 300 first preference votes.

All 767 MPs barring 14 lawmakers—7 BJD, 4 BRS, 2 independents and 1 Akali Dal—who announced abstention from the polls, voted in the election that was pitched by the Opposition as Constitution versus RSS-BJP. Among those voted, votes of 15 MPs were declared invalid.

The snap election was necessitated by the unexpected exit of Jagdeep Dhankar, who resigned on the first day of the Monsoon Session on July 21, two years and 20 days before his tenure was to end.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated the 67-year-old leader, who has an RSS background, saying his life has always been devoted to serving society and empowering the poor and marginalised. "I am confident that he will be an outstanding VP, who will strengthen our Constitutional values and enhance parliamentary discourse," he said.

President Droupadi also congratulated the Vice President-elect. Radhakrishnan thanked both the President and the Prime Minister for their wishes.

Soon after the results were out, Justice Reddy congratulated his rival and said, "I humbly accept this outcome with an abiding faith in the democratic processes of our great Republic. This journey has been a profound honour offering me the opportunity to stand for the values that have guided my life – constitutional morality, justice and the dignity of every individual."

Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge said they hope that the new Vice President-elect will uphold the highest ethos of parliamentary traditions, ensuring equal space and dignity for the Opposition, and "not succumb to pressures of the ruling dispensation".

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**Poll games**

- At least **13 MPs** from Oppn side choose Radhakrishnan
- Opposition was hoping for at least **315-320 votes** for Reddy
- All **767 MPs** barring **14 lawmakers** vote in the election
- Among those who voted, votes of **15 MPs** declared invalid

I am confident that he will be an outstanding VP, who will strengthen our Constitutional values and enhance parliamentary discourse.

**Narendra Modi**, PM

# Maddur bandh total; police intensify patrolling in town

**MADDUR (MANDYA DIST), DHNS:** The Maddur bandh call given by Hindu outfits condemning the stone-pelting incident during Ganesha idol procession evoked good response on Tuesday. The bandh was total in the town and no untoward incident was reported.

All shops and business establishments closed voluntarily, extending support to the bandh call. Schools and colleges too were closed across the town as a precaution.

Thousands of people belonging to Hindu outfits took out a protest march in Maddur town on Monday amid prohibitory orders. Police had a tough time controlling the situation and used mild caning to disperse the crowd.

"The situation is under control. Security has been tightened and the patrol teams have intensified vigil in the town. Prohibitory orders are in place in the town till Wednesday morning," said DIGP Boralingaiah.

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### Pro-Pak slogans in Bhadravathi

Police have registered a suo motu case at the Old Town police station in Bhadravathi after a controversial video showing some youths reportedly raising pro-Pakistan slogans during the Eid Milad procession on Monday night went viral on social media.

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COMMUNITY COUNT

# Survey: 1,574 castes finalised; citizens can choose new communities

DH SPECIAL

**BHARATH JOSHI**
BENGALURU, DHNS

The backward classes commission has finalised 1,574 castes for the upcoming Social & Educational Survey, during which citizens will even have the option of identifying themselves as belonging to a community that is not on the list.

The crucial survey is scheduled to start from September 22. The findings of the survey will become the basis for policy or budgetary interventions targeted at communities that are socially and educationally backward.

On August 19, the Karnataka State Commission for Backward Classes put out a list of 1,400 castes for public scrutiny. Based on objections that were received, the number of castes has risen to 1,574. This does not include 101 Scheduled Castes (SC) and 50 Scheduled Tribes (ST). In total, the survey will start with a ready list of 1,725 castes.

"The caste list is limited to arrangement in an alphabetical order so that enumerators find it easy during the survey," Commission chairperson Madhusudhan R Naik told *DH*.

"Citizens will be asked for their religion followed by caste. We are providing an option for respondents to enumerate their caste even if it is not one among the 1,574 that have been listed," Naik said. "However, this option will not be available to SC/STs whose castes and sub-groups are notified already."

There were calls for the Commission to remove contentious caste nomenclatures such as 'Kuruba Christian' or 'Vokkaliga Christian'. The Commission, however, has taken the view that it cannot deny citizens the choice of identity.

"Our job is to only enumerate. The list of 1,400 castes put out was based on castes that citizens had enumerated during previous surveys," Naik said. Naik is also alright with citizens identifying their religion other than Hindu, Islam, Christianity, Jain, Sikh, Buddhism and Parsi. "If one wants to say they belong to the 'Veerashaiva-Lingayat' religion, the option will be provided," he said.

The Commission is identifying households that will come under the survey. "There are about two crore households, and the state's population is around seven crore," Naik said, adding that a unique code is being generated for households based on power supply connections.

Naik appealed to citizens to furnish information truthfully without fear. "Any data captured will not affect existing certificates or benefits," he said.

## Court junks plea to shift Darshan to Ballari prison

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** In a relief to Darshan, a Bengaluru court dismissed the authorities' requisition to transfer the murder-accused film star to the Ballari prison.

Darshan is currently in judicial custody at Bengaluru Central Prison at Parappana Agrahara in the Renukaswamy murder case.

Darshan and other accused filed applications seeking minimum facilities, including clothing and bedding. Darshan informed the court that authorities are not even allowing him to walk. He even requested the court to give him poison. The court reprimanded him.

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## Israel strikes Hamas officials in Qatar

**DOHA/DUBAI, REUTERS:** Israel launched an airstrike against the leaders of arch foe Hamas in Qatar on Tuesday, expanding its wide-ranging military actions in the Middle East to include the Gulf Arab state where the Palestinian Islamist group has long had its political base.

Qatar, which has acted as a mediator alongside Egypt in talks on a Gaza ceasefire, called the attack a violation of international law. Hamas said five of its members had been killed in the attack, including the son of Hamas's exiled Gaza chief and top negotiator Khalil al-Hayya. It said Israel had failed in what Hamas called an attempt to assassinate the group's ceasefire negotiation team.

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## Prez, Guvs only titular heads, K'taka tells SC

**NEW DELHI, DHNS:** The Karnataka government on Tuesday told the Supreme Court that the President and Governors are merely "titular heads" and they are bound to act on the aid and advice of the Council of Ministers at the Centre and in the states.

It asserted that the ultimate responsibility of making the law lies with the Legislature. On the hearing on the Presidential reference case, the Congress-ruled Karnataka government said, "This is the fundamental idea of governance in India and has been seconded by the Supreme Court."

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## Water supply disruption in parts of city on Sept 15, 16 & 17

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** Water supply will be disrupted in parts of Bengaluru on September 15, 16, and 17.

The Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) has scheduled emergency maintenance works and will shut several pumping stations of the Cauvery Water Supply Project on the said days.

"These essential maintenance works are being undertaken to ensure smooth functioning and sustained operations of pumping stations and major pipelines of the Cauvery Water Supply Project so that uninterrupted drinking water can be supplied to Greater Bengaluru in the long term," the BWSSB said in a release.

Cauvery Stage 5 pumping stations will be shut from 1 am on September 15 to 1 pm on September 17.

Cauvery Stage 1, Stage 2, Stage 3, Stage 4 Phase-1 and Phase-2 pumping stations will be shut from 6 am on September 16 to 6 am on September 17, it added.

# State cracks down on dubious skin clinics amid rising mishaps

### Asks district health officers to inspect the clinics

**SNEHA RAMESH**
BENGALURU, DHNS

The state health department has launched a crackdown on hair and skin clinics operating without registration under the Karnataka Private Medical Establishments (KPME) Act or employing unqualified doctors for specialised treatments.

With growing interest in skincare, particularly among youngsters, such clinics have mushroomed across the state. Many of them rely on cosmetologists who lack the expertise to handle dermatological procedures, putting patients at risk.

To prevent mishaps, the department has directed all District Health Officers (DHOs) to inspect these establishments.

"We have asked all the DHOs to conduct an inspection and report back. At present, we do not have data on how many such clinics exist since KPME registration only categorises them as polyclinics. The inspection will help streamline activities," said Dr Vivek Dorai, Deputy Director (KPME).

The health department is also considering new standards for operation of such establishments.

"We are in the process of defining higher standards for such facilities. We are also planning to prescribe accreditation from the National Accreditation Board for Hospitals and Healthcare Providers (NABH) before granting registration," said Harsh Gupta, Principal Secretary (Health Department).

Lack of expertise in these clinics has led to serious consequences. Patients have suffered burns, pigmentation, and severe side effects.

**DR MANJUNATH HULMANI**
President of IADVL-KN

"There is a method for every treatment, and it must be followed . A cosmetologist with just a short-course certificate does not possess the medical expertise to handle these procedures.

### Over 400 quack clinics across Karnataka

An inspection by the Indian Association of Dermatologists, Venereologists and Leprologists–Karnataka Branch (IADVL-KN) revealed that more than 400 quack skincare centres are operating in the state, nearly 200 of them in Bengaluru. These centres, run without qualified dermatologists, lure customers by promising "miraculous" results.

In 2022, a Kannada serial actor died following a botched procedure at one such centre.

"We get numerous cases where patients are affected due to substandard treatment by untrained staff. Recently, I treated a patient with face burns caused by such a clinic. She had to be admitted and put on antibiotics. Treatment by uncertified staff can be dangerous," said Dr Manjunath Hulmani, president of the Indian Association of Dermatologists, Venereologists and Leprologists–Karnataka Branch (IADVL-KN).

He stressed that medical training was essential to ensure the underlying causes are addressed and treatments are performed correctly.

"There is a method for every treatment, and it must be followed . A cosmetologist with just a short-course certificate does not possess the medical expertise to handle these procedures," he added.

The crackdown comes amid growing concerns over the rise of quackery in the skincare sector.

# It's official. No OC needed for buildings on plots of up to 1,200 sqft

### Order issued under Bengaluru Governance Act

BENGALURU, DHNS

It's official. The state government has exempted ground+2 or stit+3 buildings constructed on plots up to 1,200 sqft from obtaining Occupancy Certificates (OCs).

A government order issued on Tuesday noted that nearly 4,000 such buildings are built annually and that inspecting each one of them before providing an OC will be a strain on manpower. Hence, using the powers under Section 241(7) of the Greater Bengaluru Governance Act, 2024, a decision was taken to exempt them from obtaining OC.

However, after the Supreme Court made the OC mandatory for power and water supply to buildings, lakhs of citizens whose properties did not have OCs were left in the lurch.

According to an estimate, nearly one lakh applications are pending with Bangalore Electricity Supply Company (Bescom) alone.

The government had then announced that a solution would be found to resolve the impasse.

On average, the city's municipal corporations issue about 4,000 new building plan approvals every year for plots not exceeding 1,200 sqft. These plots are also covered under Nambike Nakshe, an automated online software that approves the draft sketch on the day of submission and provides final approval within 15 days.

A meeting chaired by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on July 3 discussed solutions for those affected by the Supreme Court's December 2024 order, which mandated that no civic services—water, electricity or sanitation — be provided to buildings in violation of norms or lacking an occupancy certificate.

The ruling also affected property owners who had built as per the rules, but were denied OCs simply because their plots were 'B' khata properties. OCs are not issued for 'B' khata sites, a policy deadlock that needs a separate fix.

R Rajagopalan, convener of the BLR Coalition, told *DH* earlier that on small plots, unscrupulous builders already raise 7–8 floors illegally to meet demand for rentals and PG accommodations. He argued that granting amnesty to violators by amending the law would be ultra vires, since the Akrama Sakrama scheme is still stayed by the Supreme Court.

"Exempting occupancy certificates will remove the only check ensuring buildings are compliant and safe for occupation. Public safety cannot be overstated," he said.

Officials note that illegal constructions would continue to face consequences under the law.

The 19.15-km Yellow Line, connecting RV Road with Bommasandra via the tech hub of Electronics City, opened on August 11.
DH FILE PHOTO

## Yellow Line trains every 19 mins from today

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** Starting Wednesday, train frequency on the Yellow Line is set to improve as Namma Metro will induct a fourth trainset into revenue service.

Trains will run every 19 minutes instead of every 25 minutes on all days of the week. Services will begin at 6 am, instead of 6.30 am, from Monday to Saturday. On Sundays, the first train service will continue to start at 7 am.

However, there will be no change in the last train service timings. The last service from RV Road will be at 11.55 pm and from Bommasandra at 10.42 pm, Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) said on Tuesday.

The 19.15-km Yellow Line, connecting RV Road with Bommasandra via the tech hub of Electronics City, opened on August 11.

Since then, it has carried 60,000 to 80,000 passengers per day on average, with three trains running every 25 minutes.

The ridership has been far higher than the BMRCL's initial estimates of 25,000 to 30,000.

## Even BSNL is regulated; BDA cannot duck RERA: BJP MLA

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** Senior BJP leader and Rajajinagar MLA S Suresh Kumar has written to the Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA), opposing the Bangalore Development Authority's (BDA) plea to exclude itself from RERA's jurisdiction.

Suresh Kumar

Kumar argued that as a government body still selling sites and flats, the BDA cannot claim exemption from the Act.

"Before demanding exemption from the RERA Act, the BDA must look at the national scene: the GoI-owned BSNL is regulated by TRAI; and PSU insurance companies such as United, Oriental and New India Assurance are governed under IRDAI regulations. The BDA cannot be an exception to this rule," he wrote.

Kumar further said that the BDA had failed to provide infrastructure for many of its projects, earning a "bad" reputation.

Responding to the BDA's claim of offering sites at reduced prices, Kumar countered that the prices were no lower than those charged by private developers.

"I agree that the BDA is not a profit-making body, but the price at which it sells its sites and flats is at a par with or higher than that of private developers. The BDA cannot call its offerings 'affordable housing' anymore. To add insult to injury, the BDA's execution speed is far below that of some of the reputed private companies," his letter stated.

Meanwhile, BDA sources told *DH* that the plea for exemption had been drafted by an unauthorised advocate and that the Authority wished to remain under RERA.

## Appoint new contractors for road, drain upkeep: GBA chief

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** M Maheshwar Rao, Chief Commissioner of Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA), on Tuesday directed officials to immediately appoint contractors for the maintenance of roads and major stormwater drains across the five city corporations.

AMC (Annual Maintenance Contract) teams now handling arterial and sub-arterial roads will soon be dissolved, making it necessary to appoint contractors separately for each corporation.

The GBA chief also asked officials to prepare an action plan to fill potholes, appoint nodal officers to transfer files from centralised departments such as road infrastructure, buildings, stormwater drains and lakes, and identify land to establish corporation offices.

Maheshwar Rao

He further instructed that task force committees be set up at ward and corporation levels to ensure out-of-school children are readmitted into BBMP schools.

## Gold trader arrested for duping jeweller of Rs 30 lakh

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** The Halasuru Gate police has arrested a wholesale trader for allegedly cheating a Nagarathpet-based jeweller of 1.5 kg of gold worth Rs 30 lakh.

The accused, identified as 32-year-old Mohanlal, was arrested after the jeweller lodged a complaint on August 1. The police seized two gold bars weighing 305.42 grams and a gold melting machine from him.

The complainant, who runs a manufacturing factory in Nagarathpet, told the police that he met the trader three months ago.

On July 14, the trader promised to convert his 22-carat gold ornaments into 24-carat (999 gold) bars of the same weight.

Trusting the offer, the jeweller handed over 1 kg 537 grams and 350 milligrams of ornaments. The trader took the gold, claiming he would examine it and return in five minutes, but disappeared.

Following the complaint, the police traced and arrested him on August 26 near a house at 10th Cross, Kalyan Nagar, Dasarahalli. During interrogation, he admitted to melting the jewellery and converting it into bars.

Police recovered 100 grams of gold from his shop and another 205.42 grams, which he had used to repay a debt at another jewellery store.

The accused was produced before the court on August 27 and remanded to police custody for 11 days. On September 6, he was produced again and remanded to judicial custody.

## Police bust theft gangs; recover vehicles & gold worth Rs 30 lakh

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** In a crackdown on vehicle theft, the Bengaluru police arrested three people in two separate operations, recovering 31 two-wheelers, two autorickshaws, and 22.7 grams of gold jewellery.

The arrests helped solve multiple theft cases across the city.

In the first case, the Siddappa police arrested Salim Pasha, 26, on August 29 in Someshwara Nagar after a Jayanagar resident reported their two-wheeler stolen on August 25.

Acting on a tip-off, the police apprehended Pasha, who confessed to stealing several two-wheelers and an autorickshaw. Based on his inputs, the police recovered 19 two-wheelers and one autorickshaw from Gundappa slum, Pump House, and Vinayaka Nagar.

The recovery, including the complainant's vehicle, totalled 20 two-wheelers and one autorickshaw, solving 18 two-wheeler theft cases and one auto theft.

In another operation, the Avalahalli police arrested two people on August 27 near Patalamma Temple in Adoor after an auto driver reported being robbed by three passengers on August 18. The gang had threatened him at knifepoint, forced him to transfer Rs 50,750 via PhonePe, and fled with his vehicle.

With the help of informants, the police nabbed two suspects and seized the stolen auto. They admitted to committing several thefts with a third accomplice who remains absconding.

Based on their interrogation, the police recovered 11 stolen two-wheelers near a lake in Medahalli and a mango grove on Koodahalli Road. Gold jewellery weighing 22.7 grams, belonging to the wife of the absconding accomplice, was also seized.

The total worth of the recovered items is estimated at Rs 12 lakh.

Efforts are on to trace four more stolen vehicles and arrest the third suspect.

### SACRED COLOURS

Bright hues and gold detailing adorn an idol of Goddess Durga ahead of Navratri in Bengaluru on Tuesday. The nine-day festival begins on September 22. PTI

## Suspended constable arrested for posing as CCB cops to extort money

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** The Central Crime Branch (CCB) has arrested two men, including a suspended police officer, for allegedly impersonating CCB personnel to intimidate, kidnap, and extort money from BBMP waste collectors and other citizens.

The arrested have been identified as Nasir Khan, 43, a resident of Hoskote and founder of an obscure outfit called Karnataka Rajya Jana Sadbhavana Sanstha, and Prashant Navi, a suspended police constable.

The illegal activities of the accused came to light during a health and cleanliness awareness programme organised by waste collectors.

Participants at the event revealed that for several years, a group led by Khan had been calling waste collectors such as Fatima Begum, Imran, Shamir and Mohammed Shah Alam, claiming to be police officers from the CCB and the Internal Security Division (ISD). They would then threaten their victims, and in some cases, even kidnap them to extort money.

A case was registered. The police first arrested Khan on September 3. Further investigation led the police to Navi, who was previously working in the ISD in its Bengaluru unit. Navi is currently under suspension and posted to his parent unit in Bengaluru Rural. He was taken into custody on September 8. Both accused have been remanded to judicial custody.

## 3 heart transplants in 12 hours

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** The city-based Narayana Institute of Cardiac Sciences has claimed a national record by completing three heart transplants within 12 hours.

With the support of green corridors created by the Bengaluru Traffic Police (BTP), traffic-free routes were created for the organs to be swiftly transported from various private hospitals to the recipients at Narayana hospital.

All three recipients, men in their mid-30s, had been on the waiting list for over a year. They had reached a critical stage of rising lung pressure that could have soon made them ineligible for transplantation, the hospital said.


**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The General public are hereby notified that, my clients have agreed to purchase the Schedule property from its Owners **Sri.N.D.RAMESH and Sri.N.D.RAVIKUMAR both sons of late Dodda Kempanna**, residing at Neraganahalli Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Devanahalli.

Apart from the said Owners, if any other person/s have any manner of right, title, interest or claim over the Schedule property or any part thereof by way of sale, lease, sub-lease, mortgage, gift, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, pre-emption or otherwise howsoever, they are hereby called upon to file their objection/s or claims with the undersigned (along with the photocopies of the documents based on which they rely for asserting their rights), **within 14 days** from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

**SCHEDULE**

**Item No.1 property owned by Sri.N.D.Ramesh:** All that piece and parcel of the Agricultural Land bearing Sy.No.97/2 measuring 1 Acre, situated at Neraganahalli Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Devanahalli and bounded on the:

East by : Land bearing Sy.No.97/3 belonging to Sri.N.D.Ravikumar
West by : Land bearing Sy.No.97/1
North by : Muniyappa's land
South by : Road

**Item No.2 property owned by Sri.N.D.Ravikumar:** All that piece and parcel of the Agricultural Land bearing Sy.No.97/3 measuring 1 Acre, situated at Neraganahalli Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Devanahalli and bounded on the:

East by : Subbarayappa's land
West by : Land bearing Sy.No.97/2 belonging to Sri.N.D.Ramesh
North by : Muniyappa's land
South by : Road

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### ◆ IN THE CITY ◆

**GENERAL**

**World Suicide Prevention Day:** Chaired by Dr Pratima Murthy; Nimhans Convention Centre; 10 am.

**BD Jatti's Jayanti & Foundation Day Celebration:** Basava Vibhushan Award to be presented; Anubhava Mandapa Hall, Basava Samiti, Basaveshwar Road; 11.30 am.

**CULTURAL**

**Nritya Vaibhav:** Teacher Award to be presented to Vasavi; Indian Institute of World Culture, BP Wadia Road, Basavanagudi; 5 pm.

**English play:** 'The Kite Runner'; Arena Theatre Productions; Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar; 7.30 pm.

**RELIGIOUS**

**'Patthavan Mahotsav':** Karnataka Sanskrit University; Pampa Mahakavi Road, Chamarajpet; 11 am.

### ◆ CITY WEATHER ◆

**FORECAST**

Generally cloudy sky with one or two spells of rain or thundershowers

**TEMPERATURES**

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|---|---|
| Maximum | 29.0°C |
| Minimum | 21.0°C |
| Rainfall (as of 8:30 am) | -- |
| Humidity (as of 5:30 pm) | 75% |
| Sunset (Sep 10) | 6:25 pm |
| Sunrise (Sep 11) | 6:09 am |
| Moonrise | 7:39 pm |
| Moonset | 7:22 am |

(Relevant data recorded at 5.30 pm) Source: IMD

**WEEK-LONG OPERATION**

## CCB rips through drug networks in city; hauls in Rs 1.5-cr stash

BENGALURU, DHNS

In a week-long series of raids, the Central Crime Branch (CCB) dismantled several drug peddling networks in Bengaluru, arresting nine people, including two foreigners, and seizing narcotics worth Rs 1.5 crore.

The CCB's Narcotics Control Squad said the haul included 506 grams of MDMA crystal, 50 LSD stamps, 85 grams of cocaine, and 56 grams of hydroganja.

The crackdown began on August 25 in Kumaraswamy Layout, where two local peddlers were caught selling low-cost LSD stamps to college students. The police seized 50 stamps worth Rs 6 lakh.

On August 30, the Avalahalli police arrested a foreigner on a medical visa at HSR Layout. She had been trafficking cocaine, buying from other foreigners and selling locally. The police recovered 22 grams of cocaine worth Rs 2 lakh.

On September 1, the Amruthahalli police arrested a hydroganja peddler and seized 56 grams worth Rs 28 lakh.

On September 3, multiple raids followed.

In Hebbagodi, a peddler using his mobile service job as cover was arrested with 110 grams of MDMA crystal worth Rs 15 lakh. He admitted to sourcing the contraband from Kerala. The same day, another foreigner on a medical visa was held in the area. He confessed to buying MDMA and cocaine from African dealers and selling them to college students and tech employees. The police seized 81 grams of MDMA and 63 grams of cocaine worth Rs 15 lakh.

A Kerala native, who ran a bakery, was arrested at a hotel near Silk Board Junction. He admitted to sourcing drugs from his home state and selling 300 grams of MDMA crystal worth Rs 36 lakh.

In Ramamurthy Nagar, a lodge was raided after a tip-off. Two drug addicts from Mangaluru were found running a trafficking racket with the involvement of the lodge owner. The police seized 15 grams of MDMA, syringes, needles and a weighing machine worth Rs 3 lakh. The lodge was later seized as part of the probe.

# Karnataka woos UK universities, discusses partnerships

## 'Allowing foreign varsities to make ours competitive'

**RASHMI BELUR**
LONDON, DHNS

Setting aside a major recommendation of the State Education Policy (SEP) Commission on not entertaining foreign universities starting campuses in Karnataka, a state government delegation is in the United Kingdom to explore opportunities to strengthen internationalization of higher education.

"We are not against internationalisation of higher education," Higher Education Minister Dr M C Sudhakar said, after bilateral talks with heads of various UK universities organised by British Council.

The SEP Commission, headed by former University Grants Commission chairperson Sukhadeo Thorat, was set up after the Congress government decided to scrap the Centre's flagship National Education Policy (NEP) in Karnataka.

Sudhakar pointed out that SEP Commission's terms of reference did not include foreign universities. "And, we haven't analysed the report, which is being reviewed by the experts committee," he said.

"We already have University of Liverpool setting up a campus in Bengaluru. The Harrow School is already established in the city. Additionally, we're in talks with one more university that's interested in opening a campus in Bengaluru. This institution has applied to the University Grants Commission for permission," Sudhakar said.

Allowing the entry of foreign universities would increase competitiveness of private and public institutions, the minister said.

### Cheaper fees

"Additionally, it is a great opportunity for our students to get a foreign university degree of the same quality, but at a cheaper tuition fee," he said.

The state government has sought expansion of the existing Chevening scholarships and Scholars for Outstanding Undergraduate Talent (SCOUT) programme.

"Chevening currently has five members from Karnataka and SCOUT covers 30 students. We have requested an increase in these numbers for Karnataka," Sudhakar said, adding that faculty exchanges, twinning programmes and joint research collaborations were being discussed. "We hope to start them soon."

UK's International Education Champion Sir Steve Smith hailed Karnataka as one among the "top pioneering" Indian states.

"We have seen great progress in UK-Karnataka education partnerships, such as Imperial College London opening a new research hub or the University of Liverpool setting up its international branch campus, both in Bengaluru," he said.

*(The reporter is visiting the UK at the invitation of the Karnataka State Higher Education Council)*

## Circular on 'Partition Horrors' withdrawn

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** The Samagra Shiksha Karnataka has withdrawn a circular it had issued on teaching the 'Partition Horrors' module of the NCERT in schools.

On September 2, the organisation sent a circular, where it noted that links to modules prepared by the NCERT along with the Ministry of Culture on the 'Partition Horrors' should be sent to schools to create awareness about it among primary and high school students.

However, a fresh circular mentioned that these links to modules should not be sent to the schools, and even if they are sent, teachers and students should be directed not to use them.

## Govt planning to bring ordinance on ballot papers: H K Patil

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** The state government is chalking out plans to make the use of ballot papers in elections to both urban and rural local bodies mandatory, announced Karnataka Minister for Law and Parliamentary Affairs H K Patil in Bengaluru on Tuesday. Patil's announcement comes close on the heels of the state Cabinet's decision to revert to ballot papers in local elections.

"Once the Cabinet gives its approval, the government will issue an ordinance to enforce the amendments," said Patil.

Pointing out that the proposed legal amendment to the laws had already been drafted, the minister said that it would be tabled and discussed at the next Cabinet meeting scheduled on Thursday. "Once the Cabinet approves the proposal, the government will bring an ordinance to enforce these changes," said Patil.

The minister exuded confidence of the Governor giving his assent to the ordinance. "Switching back to ballot papers will not result in the election process being delayed. The government also has no intention to postpone elections to local bodies," he added.

Queried about the stone-pelting incident in Maddur, Patil said, "The BJP is fomenting communal tension. The BJP is deliberately trying to divide society to garner political mileage."

## Rotary, Edu dept ink partnership

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** The Rotary Club of Bangalore (RCB) has signed a memorandum of understanding with Department of School Education and Literacy to provide modern classroom infrastructure, including desks and interactive LED panels to government schools.

Under the 'Rotary Interactive Learning 2025-26' project, the RCB, through its charitable trust will provide desks and 75-inch interactive boards for e-Learning with UPS support in 100 government school classrooms across Karnataka.

The initiative, with an estimated project cost of Rs 3.5 crore, aims to be completed by June 30, 2026. In case of additional CSR support, the programme will be extended to cover more classrooms in 2026-27.

## Govt proposes to hold MRCP exam in Karnataka

**RASHMI BELUR**
LONDON, DHNS

The Karnataka government has proposed to hold the Membership of the Royal College of Physicians (MRCP) exam in the state every year, which Medical Education Minister Dr Sharan Prakash Patil said would help local graduates.

The MRCP Exam is a pre-requisite for physicians wishing to undergo training in a medical-related speciality in the UK.

"In the existing system, our medical graduates need to travel all the way from India to UK to prepare and take the MRCP exam," Patil said. "There are plenty of job opportunities for medical and dental graduates in the UK. But many graduates are not showing interest as they've to travel to London for the MRCP exam," he said.

Patil, who is visiting London for bilateral talks, took up the matter with the British Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (BAPIO). "We have requested the BAPIO to train and conduct the exams in Karnataka itself," the minister said.

The MRCP exam is conducted in three parts by the Federation of the Royal Colleges of Physicians and is recognised globally.

### Partnerships

The state government is forming several partnerships, including one in which Karnataka–UK HealthTech and MedTech Innovation Hubs will be set up with pilots in Bengaluru across medicine, nursing and allied health sciences, with credit transfer pathways and potential scale-up to other cities.

The government is also discussing collaborative PhD and postdoctoral pathways across Karnataka and UK universities, established through structured frameworks enabling joint supervision, shared financial support, and academic exchange.

An agreement for collaborative research, training and innovation in healthcare between the University of Wolverhampton and the Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS) will include joint research, clinical trials, innovation in medical devices and health tech. A Centre of Excellence in healthcare decarbonisation for sustainable practices is on the cards.

Between Wolverhampton, RGUHS and University of Cambridge, agreements will cover healthcare innovation and academic exchange.

With Wolverhampton and GTTC, the government wants to strengthen education, skill development, and healthcare innovation through joint training, curriculum development, research, and faculty/student exchanges.

Again with Wolverhampton, the Bangalore Medical College & Research Institute will collaborate on medical research, joint training, faculty development and start-up incubation.

*(The reporter is in UK at the invitation of the Karnataka State Higher Education Council)*


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## ED arrests Cong MLA Satish Sail

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** The Directorate of Enforcement (ED) on Tuesday arrested Congress MLA from Karwar Satish Sail in connection with a case of iron ore theft and illegal transport.

The agency had registered an ECIR (Enforcement Case Information Report) against the legislator and searched his residences in Karwar and Bengaluru on August 13 and 14, reportedly seizing Rs 13 crore in cash and gold ornaments.

The ED arrested Sail after he "failed" to appear for questioning in the case. He did not seek more time either. Sources confirmed that his repeated absence led to his arrest.

The ED officials took him to their office in Shanthinagar for questioning and later shifted him to Bowring Hospital for a medical examination. He is expected to be produced before the special court for public representatives, the sources added.

On October 24, 2024, the special court had sentenced Sail to seven years' imprisonment for stealing and illegally transporting Rs 200 crore worth of iron ore that had been seized and stored at Belekeri port in Uttara Kannada district.

However, in November 2024, the high court suspended the sentence and granted him bail.

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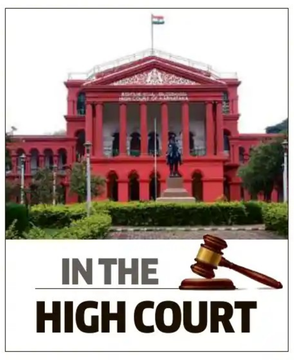
# HC lifts stay on summons to HDK in land encroachment case

### Stay on forming SIT for investigation remains valid




BENGALURU, DHNS

In a minor setback to Union Minister H D Kumaraswamy, a division bench of the High Court of Karnataka has lifted the stay granted by a single bench on summons issued to him in a government land encroachment case at Kethaganahalli in Bidadi hobli of Ramanagara taluk.

A division bench of Chief Justice Vibhu Bakhru and Justice C M Joshi passed the order on a writ appeal filed by the state government. Meanwhile, the stay granted by the single bench on the government order constituting the Special Investigation Team (SIT) remains valid.

On June 19, the single bench had stayed the January 28, 2025, order to constitute a SIT to probe the government land encroachment, along with the May 29 summons issued by the Ramanagara tahsildar to Kumaraswamy.

Appearing for the state government in the writ appeal, Advocate General K Shashikiran Shetty submitted that the order constituting the SIT had erroneously referred to Section 195 of the Karnataka Land Revenue (KLR) Act and that the state government had not delegated any such powers.

He further submitted that the summons was issued under Section 28 of the KLR Act by the Revenue Officer.

After perusing Section 28 of the KLR Act, the division bench noted that the tahsildar was empowered to take evidence on oath and summon any person whom he considers necessary for any inquiry, which the officer is legally empowered to undertake.

"There appears to be no cavil that the tahsildar has the power to conduct an inquiry. In view of the above, we are prima facie of the view that the impugned order staying summons dated 29.05.2025 is not sustainable. Further, no irreparable loss would be caused if the inquiry being conducted by the tahsildar is not interdicted. We, accordingly, stay the impugned order to the extent that it stays the summons dated 29.05.2025, till the next date of hearing," the division bench said while posting the appeal to September 22 for further hearing.

The matter pertains to the implementation of the Lokayukta report directing for the removal of encroachments from government lands in survey numbers 7, 8, 9, 10, 16, 17 and 79 at Kethaganahalli village.

On January 28, 2025, the state government constituted the SIT under Section 195 of the KLR Act and Section 8 of the Karnataka Land Grabbing Prohibition Act to hold an enquiry into ownership and possession of certain pieces of lands of Kethaganahalli village.

## Rs 24-cr haul in ED raid on Cong MLA; total seizure now Rs 100 cr

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** The Directorate of Enforcement (ED) said on Tuesday that it had seized gold and other assets worth Rs 24 crore from the Challakere house of Congress MLA, K C Veerendra Puppy.

The searches were carried out on September 6 under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, in a case related to cheating public in illegal online betting valued at over Rs 2,000 crore.

During the searches, 24-carat gold bullion weighing 21.43 kg, 11 units of gold-coated silver bars weighing 10.985 kg and about one kg of gold jewellery — together valued at Rs 24 crore, were seized.

The cumulative seizure of proceeds of crime in this case has now crossed Rs 100 crore, the ED added.

# Relief for Darshan: Bengaluru court rejects plea to shift him to Ballari prison

### No pillow, can't walk in jail — give me poison instead, actor tells judge

BENGALURU, DHNS

In a relief to Actor Darshan Thogudeepa, a Bengaluru court has dismissed the authorities' requisition to transfer the murder-accused film star to the Ballari prison.

Darshan is currently in judicial custody at Bengaluru Central Prison at Parappana Agrahara in the Renukaswamy murder case.

On Tuesday, the Additional City Civil and Sessions Judge rejected the prison chief superintendent's August 16 application to transfer him to Ballari.

Renukaswamy, who was working in a medical shop in Chitradurga, was found dead in the Kamakshipalya police station limits in northwestern Bengaluru on June 9, 2024.

Darshan

Darshan, his female friend Pavithra Gowda and others were arrested on June 11, 2024.

Police have filed the charge sheet against 17 accused persons for offences under IPC sections 120B, 364, 384, 355, 302, 201, 143, 147, 148, 149 and 34.

The accused were granted bail by the High Court of Karnataka in December 2024.

However, the Supreme Court cancelled Darshan's bail, and he was re-arrested on August 14 and remanded in judicial custody.

On August 16, the Bengaluru prison authorities filed an application seeking Darshan's transfer to the Ballari prison, citing security and administrative reasons.

Meanwhile, Darshan and other accused filed applications seeking direction to the prison authorities for minimum facilities, including clothing and bedding.

Darshan filed objections to the application filed by the prison authorities, stating that the jail authorities were seeking his transfer without valid reasons and in the absence of legal provisions.

He submitted that the transfer to Ballari prison would adversely affect his right to defend himself and would isolate him from society, his friends and relatives.

Darshan contended that since he was still an undertrial prisoner, seeking his transfer would amount to punitive action.

He called the prison authorities' apprehensions "all imaginary," pointing out that he was already in the quarantine centre of the prison.

In his application seeking facilities, the 'Challenging Star' had stated that he was not being provided with a blanket to cope with the cold weather. He stated that he had undergone a surgery to his right wrist and had been suffering from pain due to cold weather.

The prison authorities had not been responding to his request to receive a 'wrist brace' from his family.

He requested the court to provide him clothing and bedding as provided under the Karnataka Prisons and Correctional Services Manual, 2021, the application said.

**'Not allowed to walk'**

Darshan attended the hearing on Tuesday via video conference and informed the court that the jail authorities were not even allowing him to walk within the jail premises. At one stage, he even requested the court to give him poison.

The court reprimanded him for the remarks and said his grievances would be addressed in the order on his application seeking facilities.

The court further allowed the application filed by Darshan and others and directed the prison authorities to provide basic minimum amenities, as prescribed under the rules but "not more than that", the court specified.

"Further, jail authorities are directed to treat Accused No 2 (Darshan), 6, 7, 11 and 12 with minimum dignity as provided under the Constitution and also allow them to walk inside the jail premises in accordance with law. Office is directed to issue intimation of this order to the Director General of Prison and the chief superintendent of Central Jail, Bengaluru," the court said.

## D'sthala SIT continues probe

**MANGALURU, DHNS:** YouTubers Munaf, Abhishek, activists Jayant T, Girish Mattanavar, slain Sowjanya's uncle Vittal Gowda, and Pradeep, a resident, appeared before the Special Investigation Team (SIT) for interrogation in Belthangady on Tuesday.

A woman relative also appeared before the SIT along with Jayant.

Munaf told media-persons, "The SIT is functioning effectively. Whatever details I have, I have shared with the SIT. They are investigating various aspects, not just the skull handed over by the complainant-witness."

"I trust the SIT. I have been seeking justice for Sowjanya and I will continue to do so. Basically, I am from Sagar. I completed my studies there. For the past 10 years, I have been settled in Kerala," Munaf added.

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# Horatti writes to Khader over 'coordination issues' in planning events

## Speaker's letter clarifies on charges, hopes for talks in future

BENGALURU, DHNS

A rare and strongly worded exchange between Basavaraj Horatti, chairman of the Legislative Council, and Assembly Speaker U T Khader has been reported over concerns about communication and coordination in planning official legislative programmes.

In a letter dated September 8, Horatti expressed deep disappointment at 'being repeatedly sidelined by the Speaker' in official state legislature programmes.

He stressed the democratic principle that the Legislative Council and Assembly were two sides of the same coin and must work harmoniously.

However, Horatti lamented that decisions about official programmes were made 'unilaterally by the Speaker without consulting or informing him'. He cited examples such as the recent book fair at Vidhana Soudha, installation of laser lights on Vidhana Soudha building and the upcoming 11th Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) India Region Conference.

He said these events were planned without asking for his opinion and that he only found out about them through news reports.

Horatti said this exclusion caused embarrassment during his interactions with dignitaries from other states, especially regarding the 11th CPA conference.

He expressed displeasure upon learning from external sources that the Speaker had planned a 21-day foreign tour of legislators to attend the Commonwealth Conference in Barbados without consulting him (Horatti).

This, the Council chairman's letter said, made him feel 'powerless' over official study tours. He demanded that these 'mistakes' should not happen again.

U T Khader

Basavaraj Horatti

Responding to these allegations, Khader, in a detailed letter dated September 9 to the Council chairman, 'fully agreed that the Council and Assembly were two sides of the same coin in democracy'.

He emphasised that programmes run through ministry offices should follow a shared vision, which is his top priority.

Khader clarified four key points. The book fair at Vidhana Soudha was the first in the state legislature's history, held between February and March, with its outline shared in advance with Horatti's office.

The Speaker and the Chairman jointly presided over the opening, which was inaugurated by the chief minister and widely appreciated. The Governor also attended and expressed satisfaction, which was witnessed by Horatti himself.

On the laser lights at Vidhana Soudha, Khader's letter said similar lights were installed at Suvarna Vidhana Soudha.

The project was completed with the co-operation of the government and the Public Works Department, making it a joint initiative, it said.

On the 11th CPA India Region Conference, Khader said both he and Horatti agreed to host the event after a Lok Sabha Secretariat request, with both jointly inviting delegates and coordinating details through the Lok Sabha Secretariat and legislative secretariat staff.

For the 68th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference in Barbados, both had agreed on Horatti's participation as a representative and Khader's attendance as observer. Khader's secretary prepared the itinerary, and relevant officers briefed Horatti and his team.

In closing, the Speaker affirmed that he regularly keeps Horatti informed and consults him to ensure collaborative management of legislative programmes.

He welcomed the Council chairman's letter positively and hoped future issues would be resolved through discussion and coordination.

## CM: Will think over allocating devpt funds to MLCs also

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Tuesday said that the state government was contemplating allocating a portion of the corpus of Rs 8,000 crore for developmental funds to finance projects proposed by members of the Legislative Council.

Interacting with journalists after meeting Congress MLCs here, the chief minister said, "We are holding similar consultative meetings with MLAs too. I am planning on meeting Bengaluru city MLAs on Wednesday. A sum of Rs 8,000 crore has been earmarked in the State Budget specifically for the developmental projects in Assembly constituencies. In the wake of the MLCs seeking funds to initiate development in their respective constituencies, we will consider the possibility of allocating a portion of the overall funds for them too". At the meeting, MLCs reportedly expressed frustration over limited access to Cabinet ministers, which, in turn, greatly restricted their ability to draw attention to local issues.

# Police stop rival marches by Hindu, Dalit groups to Chamundi Hill

## Those part of protest, counter-protest detained

MYSURU, DHNS

Members of Hindu Jagarana Vedike and other Hindu organisations, who had organised 'Chamundi Hill Chalo', and members of Dalit Mahasabha, who tried to take out a counter-march, were taken into custody by police and they stopped at Kurubarahalli Circle on Chamundi Hill Road in the city on Tuesday morning.

The Hindu organisations were up in arm against Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar's statement that Hindu temples were not just properties of Hindus. They are also opposing government's decision to invite International Booker Prize winner Banu Mushtaq to inaugurate Mysuru Dasara.

The groups also linked the march to the ongoing developments surrounding the Dharmasthala temple.

Police detain Hindu Jagarana Vedike taking part in Chamundi Hill Chalo rally in Mysuru on Tuesday.

**PRATHAP SIMHA**
Former MP

"Chief Minister Siddaramaiah could have asked Banu Mushtaq to apologise to solve the problem. Instead, the police are harassing and arresting people who have come to seek justice."

Meanwhile, members of Dalit Mahasabha tried to take out a march to Chamundi Hill in support of Banu Mushtaq and also to counter the march by Hindu organisations.

The protesters started assembling at Kurubarahalli Circle, venue chosen by both sets of organisations, to begin the march from early morning itself. The police, however, had declined permission for marches to both sets of organisations.

The members of the Hindu organisations urged the police to allow them to have darshan of Goddess Chamundeshwari Devi, by going on a silent padayatra.

When they were forcestopped, they shouted slogans against the state government.

The police personnel took the protesters, including MLA T S Srivathsa along with women activists, into custody.

Supporters of the Hindu Jagarana Vedike were in huge numbers and had arrived from Mysuru, Dakshina Kannada and Kodagu districts also.

Former Lok Sabha member Prathap Simha said, neither Shivakumar nor Banu Mushtaq has apologised.

"Chief Minister Siddaramaiah could have asked Banu Mushtaq to apologise to solve the problem. Instead, the police are harassing and arresting people who have come to seek justice," he said.

The road leading to the hill shrine was blocked till afternoon. By evening, devotees were allowed to travel, only after thorough verification of identity and other details.

The local people alleged that the devotees suffered hardships due to the police action to stop the rallies.

## Hindus losing faith in Congress govt, says Vijayendra

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** The recent unrest in Maddur in Mandya district was the direct consequence of Congress's persistent practice of appeasement politics, coupled with a systemic intelligence failure, said state BJP president B Y Vijayendra here on Tuesday.

Citing the Congress government's decisions on a number of sensitive issues such as Dharmasthala, Mysuru Dasara festivities, he said, "Hindus have lost faith in Congress. If it continues to adopt an anti-Hindu stance, Hindu activists will be forced to launch a state-wide stir."

Rejecting suggestions of the unrest in Maddur having been instigated by BJP, Vijayendra sought to turn the tables on the government, accusing it of constantly practising appeasement politics. Reminding Congress that the organisers of Ganesha procession had obtained police clearance, he said, "No security was provided, despite hundreds of women participating in the event. The attack on the procession was pre-planned. Stones were stocked inside a mosque. Why were the Superintendent of Police and senior officers absent during the violence?"

# CM defends police action in Maddur, Mysuru

BENGALURU, DHNS

Strongly defending the police's preventive measures in stopping the BJP's Chamundi Chalo march in Mysuru and the arrest of Hindu activists in Maddur, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Tuesday accused the BJP of attempting to incite unrest in the guise of protest.

Addressing reporters at Vidhana Soudha, Siddaramaiah said the BJP's aim behind the Chamundi Chalo rally was not justice or peace but to disturb communal harmony. "Their objective is never justice or peace—it is to provoke unrest in society," he alleged.

**SIDDARAMAIAH**
Chief Minister

"The law applies equally to all. Anyone found guilty—BJP or Congress, Hindu or Muslim—will be punished."

He said that RSS members from outside the district, including Shivamogga, Chikkamagaluru, Kodagu, and Chamarajanagar, participated in the event.

"Given their intent to incite tensions, the police rightly denied permission for the march," he added.

Regarding the Maddur incident, the chief minister said 21 individuals have been arrested and reiterated that the government would act against those responsible, regardless of religion or political affiliation.

"The law applies equally to all. Anyone found guilty—BJP or Congress, Hindu or Muslim—will be punished," he affirmed.

He also pointed out that the BJP had called a bandh in Maddur, indicating a politically motivated attempt to create unrest.

When asked about the BJP delegation led by State President B Y Vijayendra meeting Union Home Minister Amit Shah over law and order in Karnataka, Siddaramaiah questioned their silence on national issues like the Manipur violence and farmers' protests.

"Where was the BJP when many farmers lost their lives during the agitation at the Centre?" he asked, asserting that maintaining public order is the state government's responsibility, which is being handled properly.

He also criticised Prime Minister Narendra Modi's silence on the Manipur crisis. "Despite intense violence, why did the prime minister not visit the state?" he questioned.

# Irked over 'failure to capture tiger', Gundlupet farmers lock up forest dept personnel in cage

GUNDLUPET (CHAMARAJANAGAR DISTRICT), DHNS:

Farmers, irked over the alleged negligence of the Forest Department in capturing the tiger attacking their livestock, locked the department personnel in a cage laid to capture a tiger at Bommalapura village in the taluk on Tuesday.

The farmers said that incidents of wild animals, such as tigers and leopards, killing their livestock are reported in the villages bordering the Bandipur Tiger Reserve (BTR).

They said the department had not taken the matter seriously despite repeated complaints. The department personnel had just placed a cage, but did not take any measures to solve the problem. A calf was killed in a tiger attack three days ago, they complained.

Villagers lock the Forest Department personnel in a cage laid to capture a tiger at Bommalapura village in Gundlupet taluk in Chamarajanagar district on Tuesday. DH PHOTO

"When the Forest Department staff visited Bommalapura on Tuesday, we locked them in the cage, condemning their negligence," the farmers said.

Gundlupet ACF Suresh and Bandipur ACF Naveen Kumar rushed to the spot after learning about the incident and pacified the farmers.

The farmers relented and released the personnel only after the officials assured them that a combing operation, using tamed elephants, would be launched to capture the tiger.

Raitha Sangha leader Honnur Prakash warned that it would be inevitable to lay a siege to the department office if they failed to take action in this regard.

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# Prez, Guvs titular heads; bound by advice of council of ministers, K'taka tells SC

## Courts fixing timelines put judiciary in difficult position: SC

NEW DELHI, DHNS

The Karnataka government on Tuesday told the Supreme Court that the President and Governors are merely "titular heads" and they are bound to act on the aid and advice of the Council of Ministers at the Centre and in the States. It also asserted the ultimate responsibility of making the law lies with the Legislature.

On the eighth day in the hearing on the Presidential reference case hearing, the Congress-ruled Karnataka government said, "The President and the Governor are the titular heads, bound by the aid and advice of the Council of Ministers. This is the fundamental idea of governance in India and has been seconded by the Supreme Court."

Arguing for Karnataka, senior advocate Gopal Subramanium, urged a five-judge Constitution bench led by Chief Justice of India B R Gavai to dismiss the Presidential Reference.

He contended, if the President and Governors acted against the aid and advice of the Council of Ministers and denied the essence of Cabinet responsibility, they would not be defending the Constitution, but rather subverting it.

The counsel said allowing the Governor overwhelming discretion would transform the office into an "all-pervading constitutional authority" - a role which is not envisaged under the Constitution.

The counsel also maintained that Governors do not have an unqualified veto and must act promptly "as soon as possible", not "as soon as convenient" on presentation of the Bills passed by the state legislature.

"The satisfaction of governor required for acting on bills passed by assembly, is the satisfaction of the council of ministers," he said.

Senior Advocate Arvind Datar, appearing for Punjab govt, pleaded to the apex court that it was unnecessary for this court to answer the reference. He said in the Supreme Court's judgment in the Tamil Nadu Governor case, this court has already addressed all the constitutional issues raised in the current Presidential Reference.

He said that a Governor has only three options, to grant assent, withhold assent, or refer the Bill to the President. "He has no discretion," he said.

He said if fixing timelines is essential for the effective working of the Constitution and to uphold public trust, then the Supreme Court can impose them.

During the course of the hearing, the bench observed that while expediency is necessary in the legislative process, courts fixing timelines put the judiciary in a difficult position.

The apex court noted that even if the phrase "as soon as possible" were absent from Article 200, the Governor is still expected to act swiftly and cannot question the validity of a Bill. "In urgent cases, even, the Governor may need to act within 24 hours," the bench said.

The bench also said when courts started fixing timelines, it placed the judiciary in a tight situation. The hearing is to continue on Wednesday.

DH CHANGEMAKERS TO WATCH IN 2026

**Nominations Open**

Each year, DH recognises extraordinary people who persevere and overcome difficult odds to usher in change.

Since the DH Changemaker awards were launched in 2019, we have identified 150-plus trailblazers from across Karnataka in areas such as community empowerment, health, conservation, entrepreneurship, and the arts.

This year, it is time to begin our search for 15 Changemakers -- we seek to highlight their efforts, celebrate their achievements, and share their stories. On New Year's Day in 2026, we will publish print, web and video stories about these achievers.

We invite nominations from readers starting today. Send in details of individuals (below 45) and teams that you think deserve the Changemakers title and honour.

The last date for submitting nominations is September 18, 2025. Scan the QR code to make a nomination.

# Ensure safe return of 39 from state stranded in Nepal: CM to CS

SHRADDHA A K
BENGALURU, DHNS

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Tuesday instructed chief secretary Shalini Rajneesh to ensure the safe return of 39 Kannadigas stranded at Kathmandu airport in Nepal.

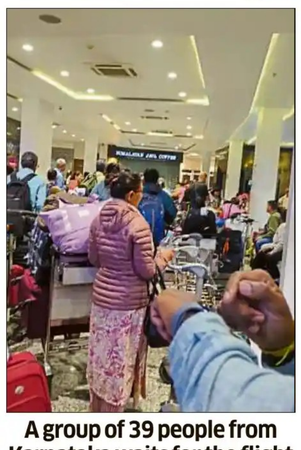
Shalini has initiated discussions with authorities concerned to facilitate their safe return.

The 39-member group, which had gone to Kathmandu on August 24 for a two-week vacation, has remained stranded at the airport, after protests in that country.

The group's return on September 7 was delayed due to bad weather. The protests further delayed it to 1.45 pm on September 9 (Tuesday).

But when the travellers reached the airport to board the flight to Bengaluru, they were asked to evacuate as part of the curfew, according to a city resident whose sister is among those stranded.

Rajani Maski and her husband Raghuveer Yavagal are among the Kannadigas stuck at the airport.



A group of 39 people from Karnataka waits for the flight back home at the Kathmandu airport on Tuesday evening.
PHOTO BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Rajani's brother Rakesh Maski told *DH*, "They were asked to evacuate the airport on Tuesday afternoon and were searching for a hotel".

The 39-member group managed to get back to the airport towards evening and was waiting for their next flight when Rakesh last spoke to his sister.

"They told me they were safe at that moment, but I have not been able to connect with them since," he said.

In a message to a neighbour, Rajani recalled the struggle to get to a hotel after being asked to leave the airport.

Meanwhile, 120 Indians, including Kannadigas, are stranded at a hotel in Kathmandu.

A Bengaluru-based journalist, who is part of the group, said they saw buildings and vehicles on fire, heard gunshots and witnessed rioting.

"All shops have been closed. People outside hotels will not be able to eat or buy food as everything is closed," she said.

Rashmi, from HSR Layout, told *DH*, "We have been seeing smoke in the sky and fire since 11 am." Twelve members of this group were scheduled to fly to Bengaluru by an Air India flight at 9.15 am on Wednesday, but the service has since been cancelled. Gayathri T K, one of those stranded, told *DH*: "The situation is tense and we just want to exit the country, we do not mind where the flight takes us we just want to leave Kathmandu."

An Indigo flight is scheduled to leave at 2.15 pm on Wednesday, carrying 100 Indians to Delhi and then to Chennai.

# Police book case as clip of youths raising 'pro-Pak' slogans in Bhadravathi goes viral

BHADRAVATHI (SHIVAMOGGA DISTRICT), DHNS

Police have registered a suo motu case at the Old Town police station after a controversial video featuring some youths reportedly raising slogans in favour of Pakistan during the Eid Milad procession here on Monday night went viral on social media.

In the video, a few youths can be heard raising Pakistan Zindabad slogan amidst the commotion as the procession passed through Ambedkar Circle in the town.

Superintendent of Police G K Mithun Kumar told reporters, "We have registered a case. We are investigating where and when the video was shot. It will be sent to the forensic science laboratory. If the clip is found to be authentic, the case will be investigated. We have formed three teams to identify those who raised the slogans".

"I have asked the SP to verify the authenticity of the video and take action against the culprits. I have filed a complaint myself and will urge the government to take action against those who raised pro-Pakistan slogans," Bhadravathi MLA B K Sangameshwara of the Congress told reporters.

Shimoga Lok Sabha member B Y Raghavendra of the BJP said the Congress MLA's statement was another example of the party's politics of appeasement.

### Will be born a Muslim in next life: Cong MLA

**A video of Bhadravathi MLA B K Sangameshwara, who participated in a blood donation camp held as part of Eid Milad, saying, "I will be born a Muslim in my next life" is also being circulated on social media."**

**Following the controversy surrounding the clip, Sangameshwara said, "Hindus, Muslims, Christians or people of any other religion should live in harmony. The BJP-JDS are giving a political colour to the words I spoke, while trying to say 'Eshwar Allah Tero Naam'.**

**"We should not do things that incite communal riots. We (Congress) have enough work to do. Let them (opponents) come to a discussion on the issue of development," he challenged.**

# Plea on Rahul's citizenship: ED quizzes BJP worker from state

**NEW DELHI, DHNS:** A BJP worker from Karnataka who had filed a writ petition in the Allahabad High Court claiming that Congress leader Rahul Gandhi was a British citizen appeared before the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Tuesday, where his statement was recorded, sources said.

The ED officials asked S Vignesh Shishir to submit certain documents and "evidence" he claimed to have been possessing.

The agency officials recorded his statement under FEMA (Foreign Exchange Management Act), agency sources said. Under FEMA, the ED probes complaints related to foreign exchange law violations by individuals and companies.

Before entering ED office, Shishir told reporters that he had been summoned under Section 37 of the FEMA, for the investigation. "I have some concrete evidence, information, documents, records and videos," he said.

In the PIL, the petitioner said he had documents and some emails of British government which prove Gandhi was a British citizen and due to that he was ineligible to contest elections in India.

## ◆ WEATHER ◆

**Overview:** Rainfall occurred at few places over North Interior and at most places over Coastal Karnataka and South Interior Karnataka
**Forecast Sept 10:** Rainfall to occur at many places over the state.

**INTERIOR NORTH**

| Stations | Max | Min | Rain |
|---|---|---|---|
| Belagavi | 26.2 | 19.8 | 00 |
| Bidar | 32 | 21 | 00 |
| Vijayapura | 30.6 | 22.5 | 00 |
| Dharwad | 28.6 | 18.8 | 0.4 |
| Haveri | 25.8 | 20.4 | 00 |
| Kalaburagi | 33.4 | 23 | 00 |
| Raichur | 31.6 | 21.4 | 00 |
| **COASTAL** | | | |
| Honnavar | 29.9 | 23.9 | 1.8 |
| Karwar | 31.2 | 24 | 1.2 |
| Shirali | NA | NA | NA |
| Mangaluru | 31.1 | 23.4 | 0.1 |

**INTERIOR SOUTH**

| Stations | Max | Min | Rain |
|---|---|---|---|
| Agumbe | NA | NA | 0.5 |
| Bengaluru | 29.2 | 20.6 | 00 |
| Ballari | NA | NA | NA |
| Chamarajanagar | 31.6 | 20.1 | 00 |
| Chikkamagaluru | NA | NA | NA |
| Chitradurga | 29.3 | 19.7 | 00 |
| Davangere | 30 | 20 | 00 |
| Hassan | 28.2 | 17.9 | 00 |
| Mysuru | 31 | 19 | 00 |
| Madikeri | NA | NA | NA |
| Kolar | 30.1 | 20.1 | 00 |

**OTHER STATIONS**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| New Delhi | 35.6 | 25.2 | 00 |
| Kolkata | 35.4 | 28.4 | 00 |
| Mumbai | 30.1 | 23.7 | 0.3 |
| Chennai | 35.3 | 28 | 00 |
| Pune | 28.2 | 18.5 | 0.2 |
| Hyderabad | 32.6 | 22.5 | 00 |
| Th'puram | 32.6 | 24.8 | 00 |

# Nepal 'Gen Z' upheaval fells...

Nepal, From Page 1

Despite the government rolling back its order and the apps returning online, protests spread from the capital to multiple cities. "The Nepal government has fallen, the youth have won the protest," said key protest figure Sudan Gurung on Instagram. "The future is ours."

Flight services at Tribhuvan International airport in Kathmandu have been partially suspended in view of the protests.

With the situation deteriorating rapidly, the top brass of Nepali Army and other security agencies issued a joint appeal calling for restraint and resolution of the crisis through dialogue. "As the prime minister's resignation has already been accepted by the president, we call upon all to restrain and not to allow more loss to life and property in this difficult situation," they said.

Oli stepped down shortly after hundreds of agitators entered his office shouting slogans demanding his ouster for the death of at least 19 people in police action during the protests on Monday as well as for his alleged "inaction" against widespread corruption.

"I have resigned from the post of prime minister with effect from today... in order to take further steps towards a political solution and resolution of the problems," Oli said Tuesday in a statement.

In his resignation letter to President Ramchandra Paudel, the 73-year-old Communist Party of Nepal (Unified Marxist–Leninist) cited the "extraordinary circumstances" facing Nepal and said he is quitting to pave the way for a "constitutional and political" resolution of the current situation. Oli, known to be close to China, had become the prime minister in July 2024 for the fourth time with the support from the Nepali Congress Party. He was scheduled to visit India this month. Though the Nepal government last night revoked its ban on social media websites following protests, the agitators continued their demonstration against corruption and demanding accountability for deaths of 19 people.

# NDA's Radhakrishnan is new VP after easy win

VP, From Page 1

Before the election, Radhakrishnan had a promised vote base of 439, including 11 from YSR Congress, and Justice Reddy 324 votes while preference of four MPs could not be ascertained.

Though the outcome was known, the results have come as a shock for the Opposition, which was hoping at least 315-320 votes for Justice Reddy, saw at least 13 MPs from its side choosing Radhakrishnan over the former Supreme Court judge. The number of cross-voters could be more.

However, Congress General Secretary (Communications) Jairam Ramesh sought to find a silver lining in the results, saying the Opposition "stood completely united" and its performance was "undoubtedly respectable".

He said Justice Reddy secured 40% votes this time against 26% in 2022 Vice Presidential polls while insisting that the BJP's "arithmetical victory is in reality a defeat both morally and politically. The ideological battle continues unabated".

BJP leaders claimed that at least 15 Opposition MPs voted in favour of Radhakrishnan while deliberately casting invalid votes. Party Chief Whip Sanjay Jaiswal claimed that "nearly 40 opposition MPs" voted in "some manner", including by casting invalid votes, in support of Radhakrishnan.

# Maddur bandh total; police intensify patrolling...

Bandh, From Page 1

He told reporters on Tuesday that a huge posse of police led by three SPs and additional SPs has been deployed in the town and patrolling has been intensified. Twenty-one people have been arrested. CCTV camera footage of nearby buildings are being checked for additional information. The probe is underway, he said. Deputy commissioner Kumara inspected the spot along with police officials on Tuesday morning.

### Peace meeting

Meanwhile, District in-charge Minister N Chaluvarayaswamy held a peace meeting with leaders of Hindu and Muslim communities at Padmavathi Kalyana Mantapa near Shivapura Satyagraha Soudha in Maddur.

The meeting was held to instill confidence among the two groups and also in the wake of a mass Ganesha idol immersion programme planned in Maddur on Wednesday. A large number of BJP leaders are expected to participate in the mass immersion, officials said.

### Advocates support

Advocates stayed away from court proceedings and extended support to the bandh call. Besides, Maddur Lawyers Association has decided not to take up case of the miscreants who threw stones during the procession in the town.

A similar communal clash was reported during Ganesha idol immersion procession at Nagamangala town on September 11 last year.

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**EXPRESSION OF INTREST TENDER NOTIFICATION**

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, The Executive Engineer, PWD Divn. Bidar invites Tenders from eligible Tenderers / Consultancies / Company, for below work indents.

| Sl. No | Name of Work | Indent Number |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Selection of Consultant for Providing Transaction Advisory Services for Proposed Ware house / Solar Power plant/ Amusement Park at Gadagi Villagefor Revenue Generation to PWD Department in Bidar | PWD/2025-26/SE0430 |
| 2 | Selection of Consultant for Providing Transaction Advisory Services for Proposed Karnataka Government Employees Residential Quarters in Halladkeri (K) Bidar City Taluka & District Bidar for Revenue Generation to PWD Department in Bidar | PWD/2025-26/SE0431 |
| 3 | Pre-bid Meeting date and time | 15.09.2025 at 10.30 am |
| 4 | Tender Reciept date and time | 18.09.2025 at 16.00 |
| 5 | Opening of Tender date and time | 19.09.2025 at 16.00 |

Tender documents may be downloaded from the **KPPP portal** of the Govt. of Karnataka **Viz. kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** For any querries contact this office.

**Sd/- Executive Engineer,**
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**ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ**

**"ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ "** ಮೂಲಕ (3ನೇ ಕರೆ)

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಮಾನ್ಯ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಸ್ಟ್ಯಾಂಡರ್ಡ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ್ KW-4 ರ ದ್ವಿಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿ ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗೊಳಪಟ್ಟಂತೆ, ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ರಾಜ್ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರಿಂಗ್ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಯಾದಗಿರಿ ಇವರು **"ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆ** https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/ **ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್"**ನಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಣಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರುಗಳಿಂದ ನಿಶ್ಚಿತ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಹೆಸರನ್ನು ನಮೂದಿಸಿ ಐಟಂವಾರು ಟೆಂಡರಗಳನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆ ದಿನಾಂಕಗಳು ವಿವರ ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತಿದೆ.

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**ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಹೆಸರು: 1) ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆ 2024–25ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ 5054 ಮಳೆ ಪರಿಹಾರ ಯೋಜನೆ.:** ಶಹಾಪೂರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ಉಕ್ಕಿನಾಳ ಗ್ರಾಮದಿಂದ ಜೇವರ್ಗಿ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ಯಡ್ರಾಮಿ ತಾಲೂಕು ಬಾರ್ಡರ್ ರಸ್ತೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ. **ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:** RDPR/2024-25/RD/WORK_INDENT13541/CALL-3 **ಟೆಂಡರಿಗಿಟ್ಟ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ.ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ):** 180.00. **ಮುಂಗಡ ಠೇವಣಿ ಹಣ** ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ **(ರೂ.ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ):** 2,26,140/–. ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಪೂರ್ಣ ಗೊಳಿಸಲು ಕಾಲಮಿತಿ (ಮಳೆಗಾಲ ಸಹಿತ): 09 Months. ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರ ದರ್ಜೆ: Class-III & Above.

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**RE-TENDER NOTIFICATION**
**(Through KPP Portal Only)**

TENDER are invited from reputed persons/firms for Procurement of 222 Tins (15 Kgs. each) of KCOGF Safal or Equivalent Brand Coconut oil for a duration of six months for KSIC, Silk Weaving Factory, Mysuru and Silk Weaving Unit, Channapatna.

Tender Documents, details of the Notification, schedule terms & conditions can be downloaded from **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** Last date and time for uploading the tender along with **EMD of Rs. 32,000/-** through KPP Portal is **25.09.2025 upto 3.00 P.M.** The Technical bids will be opened on **26.09.2025 at 3.30 P.M.** Further details can be had from the office of the Undersigned during working hours or KPP Portal help desk -080-46010000, 080-22631200.

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**Sd/-**
**GENERAL MANAGER(Proc)**

**GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA**
**Public Works Department**
**EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD DIVISION CHIKKODI**
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No/PWD/CKD DIV/AE-1/TENDER/2025-26/3163 DATE: 06.09.2025

**SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION**

Executive Engineer PWD Division Chikkodi has invited item wise short term-e-Tenders from Eligible registered contractors for the works coming under the jurisdiction of Chikodi PWD Division 1 work under head of account 4059 Department Buildings and 1 work under head of 8443-Deposit Contribution (DMF), Totally 2 No. of works. Amount put to tender is Rs. 80.00 Lakhs and Rs. 40.00 Lakhs respectively.

**Calendar of events:**

1. Last date for queries & clarifications: **12.09.2025 upto 5.30 PM**
2. Last date of Receipt of Bids: **15.09.2025 upto 5.00 PM**
3. Date of opening of Technical bids (Two Cover System) : **17.09.2025 at 4.30 PM**
4. Date of opening of Financial bids (Two Cover System): **"after approval of Technical bids"**
5. If no bid received auto extension will be done by e-proc itself for 2 days.

For more information & forms of tender can be downloaded from **kpp.karnataka.gov.in** & departmental website **www.kpwd.gov.in.** Further details can be collected from O/o Executive Engineer Public Works Dept. Division Chikkodi during working hours.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
PWD Division Chikodi

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## Security along UP-Nepal border tightened

**LUCKNOW, PTI:** The Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB), which guards the 1751-km-long unfenced international front with Nepal, has stepped up security across all its border posts and vulnerable points in the wake of unrest in Nepal, officials said on Tuesday.

A high alert has been sounded in the state's Maharajganj, Siddharthnagar, Balrampur, Shravasti, Bahraich, Lakhimpur Kheri, and Pilibhit districts bordering Nepal.

Security arrangements involve joint patrolling by the SSB, local police, and intelligence units, the officials said. More than 100 Indian truck drivers and many tourists are currently stuck at the border due to the disruption.

## Indian airlines cancel flights to Kathmandu

**NEW DELHI, PTI:** Air India and IndiGo are among the airlines that cancelled their flights connecting Kathmandu on Tuesday as the airport in Nepal's capital has been temporarily closed amid massive anti-government protests in the neighbouring nation.

Nepal Airlines also cancelled its flight from Delhi to Kathmandu on Tuesday. A source said one of the flights of Air India returned to the national capital on Tuesday as smoke was noticed at the Kathmandu airport during the final approach of the aircraft.

Another Kathmandu-bound Air India flight that took off from Delhi was diverted to Lucknow and later returned to the national capital, the source added.

# Oli's India visit plans dashed after quitting as Nepal PM

### New Delhi closely monitoring situation, issues travel advisory

**ANIRBAN BHAUMIK**
NEW DELHI, DHNS

A protester throws a photograph of Nepal Prime Minister Khadga Prasad Oli in the fire at the Singha Durbar, in Kathmandu, Nepal, on Tuesday. AP

KP Sharma Oli's third term at the helm of the Nepal government ended abruptly on Tuesday, just about a week before he was scheduled to visit India and meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

New Delhi is closely monitoring the situation in Nepal, where a brutal police crackdown on students and youths agitating against rampant corruption and a ban on some social media platforms led to the death of at least 19 protesters on Monday. India said it was deeply saddened by the loss of young lives.

**'Exercise caution'**

India also asked its citizens to defer visits to Nepal. "Indian citizens presently in Nepal are advised to shelter in their current places of residence, avoid going out onto the streets and exercise all due caution. They are also advised to follow local safety advisories from the Nepal authorities as well as the Embassy of India in Kathmandu," said the Union Ministry of External Affairs on Tuesday.

Oli visited New Delhi soon after taking over as the PM in Kathmandu on October 12, 2015, and again after returning to the helm on February 15, 2018. He also hosted Modi, who visited Janakpur and Kathmandu in May 2018.

His relations with New Delhi, however, began souring when the Nepal-India boundary dispute returned to the headlines in November 2019.

India published its new political map, showing Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh as two separate Union Territories. Oli's government objected, alleging that the new map showed Nepal's Kalapani as a part of India. New Delhi dismissed the claim.

In April-May 2020, the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA)'s aggressive moves along China's Line of Actual Control (LAC) with India and the Indian Army's counter-deployment led to a military standoff in eastern Ladakh that reached a flashpoint with a violent face-off in Galwan Valley on June 15, 2020.

Nudged by Beijing, Oli's government also protested over a new 80-kilometre road that New Delhi built from Dharchula in Uttarakhand to the Lipulekh Pass — an India-Nepal-China tri-junction boundary point — alleging that it passed through Nepal.

### Modi appeals for peace

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday appealed to the people of Nepal to support peace, noting that the stability and prosperity of the neighbouring country were of utmost importance to India.

Modi chaired a meeting of the Cabinet Committee of Security to discuss the situation in Nepal.

"The violence in Nepal is heart-rending. I am anguished that many young people have lost their lives," the prime minister posted on X.

"The stability, peace and prosperity of Nepal are of utmost importance to us. I humbly appeal to all my brothers and sisters in Nepal to support peace," Modi added.

# Watch situation carefully: Ex-Indian envoys

NEW DELHI, PTI

As Nepal plunged into chaos in the face of massive anti-government protests, various former Indian ambassadors on Tuesday said New Delhi must watch this unfolding situation "very closely," with some underlining that India's neighbourhood is "indeed in turmoil" which is not a healthy sign.

They cited instances of public protests, largely led by youth, that had led to political upheavals and the toppling of governments in Sri Lanka and Bangladesh in recent years.

Veteran diplomat Venu Rajamony said what is happening in Nepal is "not just shocking, but also worrying".

"It comes on the trail of what happened in Sri Lanka and in Bangladesh. So, in that sense, there has been a series of incidents of instability in countries in the neighbourhood, which have led to the collapse of regimes and their leaders fleeing, etc. It is clearly not a healthy sign," he said.

Rajamony, who served as India's ambassador to the Netherlands from 2017 to 2020, and various other ambassadors suggested that while India should "let domestic process play out" in Nepal, New Delhi should carefully watch the unfolding situation in the neighbouring country.

"I think we have to wait for things to settle down...(but) we should watch this very carefully, because of all the implications it has for us and for our interests in Nepal," Rajamony said.

Ashok Kantha, who has served in Nepal as a deputy chief of mission in Kathmandu from 1997 to 2000, also called for a 'wait and watch' approach for now.

"My own experience has been that we should let domestic process play out. I don't think, at this point in time, we can really have a role, and our intervention will become a counterproductive act. So we have to first see, assess the situation," he said.

He, however, stressed the need to ensure that Indians in Nepal are protected and India's interests safeguarded.

On suggestions that the turmoil in Nepal is happening at a time when India-China relations are on the mend, Kantha said, "I think we should not look at all these things through the prism of our relations with China." Rajamony echoed his views, saying "I don't think China is a factor here", but emphasised "our neighbourhood is indeed in turmoil".

In Sri Lanka's case, there is stability after the 2022 protests, and Bangladesh is supposed to be moving towards an election, he said.

"Myanmar continues to be an unstable place, but also moving towards election. But you also have the Taliban sitting in Afghanistan, as well as the uncertainties in Pakistan. So, overall, it is a difficult neighbourhood for us...(it) calls for heightened attention and deft diplomacy on our part," Rajamony added.

## Educated woman in consensual relationship can't claim rape: HC

**NEW DELHI, PTI:** The Delhi High Court has quashed a rape case against a man and said an educated and independent woman willingly continuing a relationship with a married man cannot claim to be "exploited".

The HC passed the verdict while quashing an FIR against a man accused of sexually harassing the complainant under the false pretext of marriage, coupled with fraud and cheating.

Justice Swarana Kanta Sharma further noted the criminal justice system was increasingly being burdened with FIRs with offences of rape where allegations of sexual exploitation were levelled on the grounds of false promise of marriage, often after prolonged periods of consensual relationships.

"Many such cases come before the courts where parties, being majors, have voluntarily engaged in sexual relations, and when the relationship eventually fails—whether due to incompatibility or any other differences—allegations of rape are pressed," the September 3 verdict said.

The judgment added, "To permit every such failed relationship to be converted into a criminal prosecution would be contrary not only to constitutional vision of justice but also to very spirit of the law of sexual offences."

## AP launches rescue efforts for Telugu families stranded in Nepal

**HYDERABAD, DHNS:** Several Telugu families visiting Nepal have been stranded at a luxury hotel in Kathmandu amid escalating civil unrest, prompting the Andhra Pradesh government to initiate coordinated rescue efforts.

The affected families are staying at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Kathmandu, where reports indicated that agitators have been gathering in groups and confronting hotel guests by knocking on their doors.

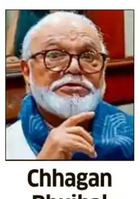
As a precautionary measure, the hotel management has decided to relocate all Telugu families to a nearby guesthouse.

The Andhra Pradesh government has been maintaining constant communication with the Embassy of India in Kathmandu. The state government has established an emergency cell at AP Bhavan, New Delhi. Suresh Babu, the nodal officer, can be contacted at +91 9818395787.

CM Nara Chandrababu Naidu has directed Civil Aviation Minister Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu and AP Bhavan officials to extend all possible support to affected people.

## Bhujbal urges Fadnavis to withdraw Maratha quota order

**MUMBAI, DHNS:** Maharashtra minister and Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) leader Chhagan Bhujbal on Tuesday wrote to Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis seeking withdrawal or modification in the Government Resolution (GR) issued on September 2 regarding the implementation of Hyderabad Gazette which may pave way for the Maratha community to get Kunbi (OBC) status.



Chhagan Bhujbal

The veteran politician has written an eight-page letter to Fadnavis in his capacity as the President of the Akhil Bharatiya Mahatma Phule Samta Parishad, a national organisation of the OBCs.

"The GR was issued in haste, under the tremendous pressure of one powerful community and without it being put before the Cabinet, without calling for or considering any objections and suggestions, and without considering the protests and objections of the members that constitute the OBCs in the state," the minister said.

Bhujbal said that Kunbi and Maratha are two different castes, and this is also recognised by the Maharashtra government, which has notified Kunbis as Other Backward Class (OBC) and the Maratha community as Socially and Educationally Backward Community (SEBC).

# Raj passes 'stricter' anti-conversion bill

**JAIPUR, PTI:** The Rajasthan Assembly on Tuesday passed a bill that proposes imprisonment of 20 years to life for mass conversions through deception and a jail term of seven to 14 years for conversions by fraudulent means.

The Rajasthan Prohibition of Unlawful Religious Conversion Bill, 2025, was passed by voice vote. The opposition Congress legislators did not participate in the debate and continued with their shouting against the strict provisions in the bill.

Minister of State for Home Jawahar Singh Bedham said Article 25 of the Constitution guarantees freedom of religion but does not support conversion through deceit, inducement, fear or fraud.

The bill is crucial to maintain social harmony and ensure a secure future in the state, he said.

**PROPOSALS**

- The bill proposes punishment from seven to 14 years in jail and a fine of up to Rs 5 lakh for conversion through fraudulent means.
- Mass conversions through fraudulent means would be punishable with imprisonment of 20 years to life and a fine of not less than Rs 25 lakh.

The proposed legislation provides for punishment ranging from seven to 14 years in jail and a fine of up to Rs 5 lakh for conversion through fraudulent means.

Conversion of minors, women, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and persons with disabilities through deceit would attract a jail term of 10 to 20 years and a fine of at least Rs 10 lakh.

Mass conversions through fraudulent means would be punishable with imprisonment of 20 years to life and a fine of not less than Rs 25 lakh.

Receiving foreign or illegal funds for conversion activities would also invite rigorous imprisonment of 10 to 20 years and a fine of at least Rs 20 lakh under the proposed legislation.

The bill also states that properties used for forced conversion could be confiscated, and marriages done for the purpose of unlawful conversion could be annulled by family courts or competent courts.

It mandates prior intimation to the district magistrate before any voluntary conversion.

# 6 bridges, 45 tunnels: Mizoram's railway line promises relief

**ASRA MAVAD**
AIZAWL, DHNS

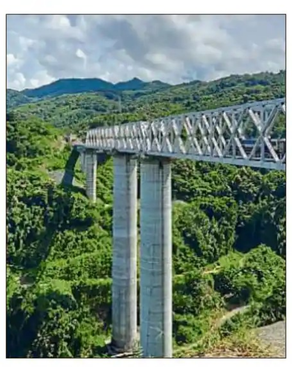
With Mizoram finally set to join the Indian Railways network, the people of the northeastern state are hopeful that the new connectivity will usher in positive change.

The 51.38-km Sairang-Bairabi rail line, located about 20 km from Aizawl, the state capital, is expected to be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi this weekend.

Until now, landlocked Mizoram, surrounded by Tripura, Manipur and Assam, and the neighbouring countries of Bangladesh and Myanmar, relied solely on road transport and Lengpui Airport, located approximately 32 km from Aizawl.

Essential supplies are usually brought into Aizawl by road, mainly from Silchar in Assam. Transportation between Aizwal and Silchar can take anywhere from 7 to 10 hours, locals told *DH*.

Residents are hopeful that the rail line will help reduce the cost of essential items and groceries, which often see price hikes due to long travel times. For example, one kg of apples costs around Rs 350 to 450 in September. "The new rail line resolves Aizawl's isolation. We hope it will bring down the prices of essentials like vegetables and daily-use items," shared Robert Lalchhandama, a media professional.



The 51.38-km rail line traverses Mizoram's Kolasib and Aizawl districts.
DH PHOTO/ASRA MAVAD

"The road conditions are especially bad during the monsoons. Trucks and lorries get stuck on the Aizawl–Silchar road for weeks, causing a severe shortage of essential supplies in the state," said Dingi Vanglaini, owner of a local shopping mart, recalling how the rains wrecked the roads within the city and also the highways in July and August.

She expressed hope that the new rail line would end the persistent inconvenience and significantly reduce travel costs. "When goods vehicles get stuck on the road for days, travel expenses rise with each passing day, directly affecting the prices of essential commodities. With the new rail line, we hope to avoid these problems," she said.

The railway line will cut travel time between Bairabi and Aizawl from the current five to six hours to 1.5 hours, and between Aizawl and Silchar from seven to 10 hours to three hours.

Parents with children studying outside the Northeast look forward to more frequent visits. "With flight prices averaging between Rs 10,000 and Rs 15,000, my son studying in Chennai has only been able to visit us once in the past two years. With railway connectivity, we're hoping to see him more often," said Sailo, a pharmacy owner.

Children roaming the streets of Aizawl shared dreams of visiting India's metro cities once the rail line is inaugurated. "We've only seen places like Delhi in Bollywood films. Once the trains start running, we'll ask our parents to take us around the country on vacation," they said with glee.

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**SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (E-Procurement Portal Only)**

General Manager(Procurement), Corporate Office, CESC, Mysuru on behalf of CESC invites tender for the following Civil Engineering Works from eligible contractors.

| Sl. No | Indent No. | Name of the Work | Estimated Cost (Rs. In Lakhs) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | CESC/CO/GM(Proc)/ CIVIL/2025-26/CVL-43 D:03.06.2025 | Construction of Section office building and other allied works at Chikkalavadi. (Kollegala Division, Kollegala Sub-Division) (Reserved for SC Category) | 100.00 |
| 2 | CESC/CO/GM(Proc)/ CIVIL/2025-26/CVL-44 D:03.06.2025 | Construction of Section office building and other allied works at Madhuvanahalli. (Kollegala Division, Kollegala Sub-Division) | 120.00 |
| 3 | CESC/CO/GM(Proc)/ CIVIL/2025-26/CVL-45 D:03.06.2025 | Construction of Sub-division and Section office building and other allied works at Hanuru. (Kollegala Division) | 200.00 |
| 4 | CESC/CO/GM(Proc)/ CIVIL/2025-26/CVL-46 D:03.06.2025 | Construction of Sub-division and Section office building and other allied works at Yalanduru. (Kollegala Division) | 200.00 |
| 5 | CESC/CO/GM(Proc)/ CIVIL/2025-26/CVL-47 D:03.06.2025 | Construction of Section office building and other allied works at Mambhalli (Kinakanahalli). (Kollegala Division, Yalanduru Sub-division) (Reserved for CAT-I) | 100.00 |
| 6 | CESC/CO/GM(Proc)/ CIVIL/2025-26/CVL-48 D:03.06.2025 | Construction of Compound wall at LM camp premises Hirebelaguli (Holenarasipura Division, Hangarahalli Sub-Division) | 45.00 |
| 7 | CESC/CO/GM(Proc)/ CIVIL/2025-26/CVL-49 D:03.06.2025 | Construction of Section office building at Mudalahippe. (Holenarasipura Division, Holenarasipura Sub-Division) (Reserved for CAT-IIA Category) | 116.00 |
| 8 | CESC/CO/GM(Proc)/ CIVIL/2025-26/CVL-50 D:03.06.2025 | Construction of Section office building at Shanthahalli. (Madikeri Division, Somavarapete Sub-Division) (Reserved for CAT-IIA Category) | 90.00 |
| 9 | CESC/CO/GM(Proc)/ CIVIL/2025-26/CVL-51 D:03.06.2025 | Construction of Guest house and Dormitory at Chamarajanagara Division office premises. | 186.00 |
| 10 | CESC/CO/GM(Proc)/ CIVIL/2025-26/CVL-52 D:03.09.2025 | Construction of First floor and second floor for MT Division office building, Hassan | 155.00 |
| 11 | CESC/CO/GM(Proc)/ CIVIL/2025-26/CVL-53 D:03.09.2025 | Construction of Section office building and other allied works at Satyamangala(O&M 5). | 103.00 |
| 12 | CESC/CO/GM(Proc)/ CIVIL/2025-26/CVL-54 D:03.09.2025 | Construction of Section office building and other allied works at Bageshpura. | 96.00 |
| 13 | CESC/CO/GM(Proc)/ CIVIL/2025-26/CVL-55 D:03.09.2025 | Construction of Section office building and other allied works at Gandasi. (Reserved for SC Category) | 106.00 |
| 14 | CESC/CO/GM(Proc)/ CIVIL/2025-26/CVL-56 D:03.09.2025 | Construction of One block of LM quarters 4 Tenements at OEC Colony (Block-1) Arsikere. | 190.00 |
| 15 | CESC/CO/GM(Proc)/ CIVIL/2025-26/CVL-57 D:03.09.2025 | Construction of One block of LM quarters 4 Tenements at OEC Colony (Block-2) Arsikere. | 190.00 |
| 16 | CESC/CO/GM(Proc)/ CIVIL/2025-26/CVL-58 D:03.09.2025 | Construction of Section office building and other allied works at Arkalgudu. | 103.00 |
| 17 | CESC/CO/GM(Proc)/ CIVIL/2025-26/CVL-59 D:03.09.2025 | Construction of Sub-division office building and other allied works at Virajapete. | 250.00 |
| 18 | CESC/CO/GM(Proc)/ CIVIL/2025-26/CVL-60 D:03.09.2025 | Construction of Retaining wall and other allied works at Sub-division office premises, Virajapete. | 150.00 |
| 19 | CESC/CO/GM(Proc)/ CIVIL/2025-26/CVL-61 D:03.09.2025 | Construction of Section office building and other allied works at Napoklu. | 100.00 |
| 20 | CESC/CO/GM(Proc)/ CIVIL/2025-26/CVL-62 D:03.09.2025 | Construction of Section office building and other allied works at Bhagamandala. | 100.00 |
| 21 | CESC/CO/GM(Proc)/ CIVIL/2025-26/CVL-63 D:03.09.2025 | Construction of Section office building and other allied works at Balele. | 100.00 |
| 22 | CESC/CO/GM(Proc)/ CIVIL/2025-26/CVL-64 D:03.09.2025 | Construction of Section office building and other allied works at Hethuru. | 140.00 |
| 23 | CESC/CO/GM(Proc)/ CIVIL/2025-26/CVL-65 D:03.09.2025 | Construction of Section office building and other allied works at Heragu. | 120.00 |
| 24 | CESC/CO/GM(Proc)/ CIVIL/2025-26/CVL-66 D:03.09.2025 | Construction of Guest house at Hassan. | 200.00 |
| 25 | CESC/CO/GM(Proc)/ CIVIL/2025-26/CVL-67 D:03.09.2025 | Construction of section office building at Chinya. | 100.00 |
| 26 | CESC/CO/GM(Proc)/ CIVIL/2025-26/CVL-68 D:03.09.2025 | Construction of Sub-division office building at Nagmangala. | 220.00 |
| 27 | CESC/CO/GM(Proc)/ CIVIL/2025-26/CVL-69 D:03.09.2025 | Construction of Transformer testing center and Improvements to store yard in division office premises, Madikeri. | 80.00 |
| 28 | CESC/CO/GM(Proc)/ CIVIL/2025-26/CVL-70 D:03.09.2025 | Construction of meeting hall and allied works at second floor of Division office building at Mandya (Reserved for ST Category) | 40.00 |
| 29 | CESC/CO/GM(Proc)/ CIVIL/2025-26/CVL-71 D:03.09.2025 | Construction of section office building at Belagola. | 100.00 |
| 30 | CESC/CO/GM(Proc)/ CIVIL/2025-26/CVL-72 D:03.09.2025 | Construction of Compound wall and allied works at Belakavadi | 25.00 |
| 31 | CESC/CO/GM(Proc)/ CIVIL/2025-26/CVL-73 D:03.09.2025 | Construction of Section office building and other allieds works at Mallipatna | 120.00 |
| 32 | CESC/CO/GM(Proc)/ CIVIL/2025-26/CVL-74 D:03.09.2025 | Construction of Smart meter testing lab at Division office premises, Mandya. (Reserved for SC Category) | 55.00 |
| 33 | CESC/CO/GM(Proc)/ CIVIL/2025-26/CVL-75 D:03.09.2025 | Construction of Smart meter testing lab at Division office premises, Chamarajanagara. (Reserved for SC Category) | 55.00 |
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# In Manipur, trust eludes peace process

Efforts towards peace and normalcy in Manipur have, yet again, encountered obstacles. Two recent developments were dubbed as signals of progress in the strife-torn state – the renegotiation and signing of a tripartite agreement with two Kuki-Zo insurgent groups and the state government on the Suspension of Operations (SoO) with rebel groups, and an assurance from the Kuki-Zo Council to facilitate free movement of commuters and goods on NH 02. These moves unravelled within hours of their announcement, as the Coordinating Committee on Manipur Integrity (COCOMI), which claims to represent the Meiteis, stated that the revival of the SoO would legitimise the violence it said was being perpetrated by Kuki groups. It also noted that the Manipur administration lacked the constitutional and moral authority to negotiate the pact. An influential Kuki-Zo group also rejected the agreement to ensure free mobility on the highway and warned against more "unilateral decisions". The United Naga Council, meanwhile, has announced a trade embargo from Tuesday to protest the fencing of the India-Myanmar border and the scrapping of the free movement regime on NH 02.

Former Chief Minister N Biren Singh had unilaterally terminated the SoO, aggravating the situation in the state. The decision further confirmed Singh's image as a leader who is partial to his own Meitei community in its longstanding conflict with the Kukis. The blockade of the highway had partitioned Manipur between the valley, which is dominated by the Meiteis, and the hill areas where the Kukis have the upper hand. Its reopening could have enabled free movement of people and goods between the two parts of the state, which now exist like two regions on either side of a border.

**Consensus is key. Moves such as the SoO renegotiation have not found all-round support**

The SoO renegotiation and the reopening of the highway appear to have been initiated as part of a run-up to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's scheduled visit to the state. That these moves were rejected by some of the groups shows that not all stakeholders were involved in the discussions. The situation in Manipur is complex, and any effort towards resolution needs to be built on wide-ranging consultation, involving all relevant parties. With a serious trust deficit in play between the administration and the warring groups, this process becomes long-drawn and difficult. Dialogue becomes even more complex under the Central rule. The state Chief Secretary has said that "all signed agreements will be honoured." If that means imposition of the agreements, it would not make a difference on the ground and might even exacerbate the situation.

# Present flaws must inform future city

The Karnataka government's plan to build the Greater Bengaluru Integrated Township (GBIT) at Bidadi, touted as India's first 'AI City', is nothing short of audacious. Spanning 9,000 acres, it is envisioned as a second central business district (CBD) for Bengaluru, powered by Artificial Intelligence and digital twin technology (which uses historical and real-time data to mirror current conditions and simulate future scenarios). With its promise of sustainable living, cutting-edge industries, and lakhs of jobs, GBIT could become a global showcase of futuristic urban planning. But the warning signs are clear: unless the government avoids the mistakes that brought Bengaluru to its knees, GBIT will collapse under the same weight of poor planning, unchecked growth, and civic apathy. Karnataka is being offered a second chance, and it must not squander it.

The first hurdle is land acquisition, with a section of farmers raising the red flag. The government has floated a 'landowner-as-partner' model, offering compensation and developed plots to affected families. However, unless this process is transparent, fair, and participatory, GBIT will follow the ill-fated Aerospace City, where years of protests forced the state to abandon the project. Without the trust of farmers and other land owners, GBIT will never take off the ground. Equally crucial is to ensure that GBIT does not become a carbon copy of Bengaluru's dysfunction. The capital's endless traffic snarls and crumbling infrastructure are the product of car-centric planning and unregulated real estate. GBIT must flip this model on its head. Public transport should form the backbone of the city, with metro, suburban rail, or bus rapid transit tightly integrated into compact, walkable neighbourhoods. Wide, obstruction-free footpaths, cycling lanes, and car-free zones should be non-negotiable. If GBIT is designed around cars, it is doomed from the start. Environmental safeguards are also vital. GBIT must embrace 'sponge city' principles with permeable pavements, rejuvenated lakes, and ecological corridors to guard against flooding. Zero-waste policies and strict enforcement against violators should define governance, not remain hollow promises. The pledge of 1,100 acres of green space must be sacrosanct, not quietly eaten up by builders.

**With intent, the proposed GBIT could be a model of sustainable living and accountable governance**

Governance will ultimately decide GBIT's fate. A powerful, politically insulated, and accountable township authority must be created to enforce zoning laws, demolish illegal constructions without hesitation, and use technology for real-time monitoring. GBIT is Karnataka's rare opportunity to build the city Bengaluru should have been. If the government succumbs to short-term greed, it will create not a model for the future, but Bengaluru 2.0 – another sprawling, broken, and unlivable metropolis.

TARIFF FALLOUT

# US tilt failed India on interests, principles

Staunch alignment with the US has made India appear neither realist nor idealist on the global stage

JAGDISH RATTANANI

It is not uncommon to hear that foreign policy is about national interests, not moral principles. Looking at the way Donald Trump has upended carefully nurtured global agreements – from trade to climate change – it should be clear that short-termism, defined in the narrowest possible way, is the staple of American foreign policy today. While Trump is blatant and often unsophisticated, the policy is not necessarily out of sync with American traditions. Nothing makes this clearer than former US Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's remark (attributed to him by the Nixon era diplomat Alexander Haig, who said he heard it) in the 1970s: "America has no permanent friends or permanent enemies, only interests."

Other administrations might speak in a different tone, but the effect of their actions has been no different. Consider Barack Obama, Nobel Peace Prize winner, who killed more people in drone attacks on Afghanistan than any other President firing from military drones. In his defining 1939 book on international relations (*The Twenty Years Crisis: 1919-1939*), E H Carr spoke of the political necessity of "cloaking interests in a guise of moral principles" – a century-old observation that remains an enduring insight into the operational realities of American foreign policy.

In today's context, given the suddenness of the removal of the cloak and the nakedness of American policy, the question is: how does India respond? It is a positive sign that India has not caved in to American demands. These are demands that the nation cannot and must not meet, notably in terms of removing controls on agro and dairy imports, which the US has been pushing for a long time. The import of Russian crude by India has been on the list of the grouses; it serves America to push India to open its markets even more. Now that India did not bend, and was hit with a 50% tariff – among the worst treatments of all nations – what are the lessons that stand out? Given the new and nasty threats emerging from the US that IT and other services will soon face tariffs, the question is urgent.

Further, as India takes on an important counterbalancing effort and works on newer alliances and revisits partnerships, related questions on how the country manages the tightrope become even more important. The most significant event was the very visible participation of Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the 25th Heads of State Council meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) at Tianjin. Pictured with the Chinese Premier

Xi Jinping and the Russian President Vladimir Putin, did not India send out an important message to the US? Did not the US President react immediately, blowing hot and cold? First, he complained that India and Russia were lost to China, and then stressed a special relationship between the US and India, welcomed immediately by Modi. But as Shashi Tharoor quite correctly asks: Can India forget Trump's insults and the tariffs?

## Learnings and losses

That India stands punished despite all the cosying up to Trump should make it clear that overzealousness is never a good ticket and is even counterproductive, particularly if it gets seen as desperation to be included in a given global order. This holds whether the tilt is towards one side or the other. India has already burnt its fingers being overenthusiastic on one side.

To orchestrate and then overread the significance of events like 'Namaste Trump' or 'Howdy Modi', to overemphasise what is being called personal chemistry, or to wholeheartedly align with the US, seen for example in the way India abstained from a UN General Assembly resolution in June 2025 calling for a ceasefire in Gaza, have been a double whammy: they did not secure Indian interests and they did not make India stand on principle – showing up as neither a realist nor an idealist. The losses weigh heavily on the Indian side. Incidentally, the entire SCO bloc of nations voted for the June resolution, which was titled: 'Protection of civilians and upholding legal and humanitarian obligations'. No one from the BRICS nations, the SCO bloc, or indeed South Asia (other than India) abstained, pointing to a misalignment in Indian orientation vis-à-vis the SCO nations.

The argument from some quarters that India will command global attention and will be courted because it is an economic powerhouse that will soon be the world's third-largest economy carries limited appeal. There is, of course, a high interest in India, but with a sharp focus on how its market can be made available for Western businesses. On exports, India does not have a well-diversified portfolio and is overly dependent on the US, enabling that country to squeeze and threaten as it has.

In all this, it is interesting that India has made use of Gandhi to build on the policy of "strategic autonomy" in response to Trump's actions. An unnamed top government spokesperson has been quoted as explaining India's reaction to Trump in these words: "We have followed the Gandhian satyagraha model... You hit us, surely it hurts us... but we will not hit back. Nor will we do your bidding or sign on the dotted line." This has the marks of reaching for a high moral ground, but Gandhian satyagraha will demand much more from India. It will challenge India on aligning with Israel while it bleeds Gaza. And it will raise many other difficult questions that, if followed through, will help India stand erect and tall in a world that still bows to Gandhi.

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RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE

# Lessons from the slow seasons

Embracing life's slow cycles teaches us valuable lessons about patience and resilience

VIKRAM V

Living in Riyadh, we've just emerged from the peak of summer, where temperatures soar to nearly 50°C, making outdoor activity nearly impossible. As September arrives, the weather begins to ease, but the real winter arrives only by mid-November. I have lived in the Middle East now for more than fifteen years and by all means should have been acclimatised. Yet, the impatient part of me wonders year after year—why couldn't summer disappear a bit earlier and winter come in a bit sooner?

Then I paused to reflect. Nature doesn't rush. It moves in slow cycles, indifferent to our impatience, yet full of wisdom for those who observe. The transition from summer to winter doesn't happen overnight; it unfolds gradually, minute by minute, day by day. And in that quiet persistence lies a profound lesson. A number of times we feel like a particular month or a year or even a single day is a drag, yet decades pass by in a blink of an eye, and therein lies the amazing paradox of nature.

Often, when we're stuck in difficult phases, we act hastily, trying to force change. If that does not happen, we consult an astrologer who suggests a solution which often coincides with a turn in the cycle for the better! But just like the seasons, life too moves in cycles. Few experiences teach you more about life's highs and lows than cycling through mountainous terrain. I was a cyclist and experienced it firsthand. The upwards sloping road is a drag, while the downward sloping one is a breeze. And this repeats in cycles over a long cycling route, pretty much like the undulations we face in real life. With patience and equanimity, even the harshest periods pass, giving way to renewal.

Take the amazing case of the giant redwood tree native to California. They are the largest trees in the world and native to groves of the Sierra Nevada mountain range of California. Some of these trees live for more than four thousand years. During a recent visit to a museum in Washington, I stood in awe before the massive trunk of one such tree, which was around three thousand years old. These trees grow slowly over a number of years, reaching majestic heights and growing massively in width. Contrast that with our desire to double our money in three months. While that may be unrealistic, what is possible is multiplying wealth manyfold—if we have the discipline to wait it out for a long time and resist the urge to tamper with our investments in moments of market volatility anxiety.

Nature teaches us that enduring growth is never rushed. It's cultivated with patience, resilience, and time.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Reverting to ballot papers defies logic

Karnataka's decision to revert to ballot paper instead of EVMs is based on the specious argument that ballot paper is tamper-proof, unlike EVMs. (In polls, trust outweighs method, Sep 9). This argument is misconstrued and apparently stems from the fact that Congress suffered a series of electoral reverses, alleging that electronic voting machines have been tampered with. In fact, EVMs have been subjected to the Supreme Court's scrutiny and certified as tamper-proof, but Congress suffers from self-induced mistrust. The system of ballot papers is cumbersome, costly, and takes a lot of time to produce results, besides being liable to tampering by strong-arm methods. Ultimately, if Congress loses again, which system will it blame? The whole system depends on integrity. EVMs are well-tested, and resorting to ballot papers is a retrograde step in this electronic age.

**H R Bapu Satyanarayana**, Mysuru

## Nothing wrong

Apropos 'In polls, trust outweighs method' (Sep 9), there is nothing wrong with the Karnataka government's decision to use paper ballots for the coming local body elections. Recent revelations about the working of the ECI have raised significant concerns about its integrity, impartiality, and professionalism. Several incidents of EVM tampering have been reported in recent years, and these cannot be dismissed, given that new techniques may render even standalone machines susceptible to manipulation. People's trust in the voting process is the foundation of our democracy, and only paper ballots can promote it. Even EVMs are costly to manufacture, maintain, and store. By using recycled paper, we can limit the environmental impact of paper votes. Booth capturing and vote stuffing are relics of the past, which can be minimised with stricter security and digital oversight. There must be valid reasons why even the most advanced nations rely solely on paper ballots. Let a trial run of paper ballots in the state's smaller local elections retest their effectiveness.

**Kamal Laddha**, Bengaluru

## Do it with dignity

Apropos 'Mizoram's beggary ban: Reform or denial?' (Sep 9), Mizoram's ban on public beggary, if executed with care and without harming human dignity, is a welcome decision. The state Cabinet's intent to prohibit public begging should not be merely to give the world an impression that the state doesn't have poor people, but it should be done with an absolute goodwill to rehabilitate the poorest. Many nations have tried to prevent public beggary but have not succeeded. Beggary exists due to governments' failure to compassionately address people's poverty caused by unemployment, homelessness, and wrong socio-economic policies. Making a law banning public beggary is easier than enforcing it; the solution lies in creating adequate job opportunities, providing education and shelter for the poor and marginalised.

**J A Nathan**, Bengaluru

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SPEAK OUT

We should only buy swadeshi goods, why buy foreign items now; especially when GST has been reduced?

**Shivraj Singh Chouhan**, Union Minister

Those are my principles, and if you don't like them... well, I have others.

**Groucho Marx**

TO BE PRECISE

IN PERSPECTIVE

# Oli's fall at a digital flashpoint

Gen Z fury engulfs Nepal. Rebuilding trust in democracy will be a formidable challenge

K S TOMAR

Former Nepal Prime Minister K P Sharma Oli seems to have walked down the same road as Bangladesh's Sheikh Hasina, with strikingly parallel political trajectories now ending in turmoil. What began as simmering resentment among Nepal's Gen Z – angry at rampant corruption, broken promises of post-Covid recovery, and a sudden ban on 26 social media platforms – has exploded into a full-blown street revolt. The violence has claimed more than 22 lives. Mobs torched the houses of the outgoing PM, ministers, and MPs.

With the police overwhelmed, the army has stepped in, urging protesters to abandon arson and destruction. Nepal's greatest challenge lies not just in quelling the violence, but in its leaderless character. The protestors – an amorphous blend of youth activists and anarchists – have no identifiable leadership. The original flashpoint, the social media ban, has already receded into the background. The demand now is larger: jobs, accountability, and a clean break from political rot.

For now, experts dismiss fears of an army takeover, insisting democracy is not in imminent danger. But unless the new government finds a way to address the grievances of a restless generation, the flames on Kathmandu's streets could return stronger than before.

Notwithstanding the decision to lift the ban on social media platforms, peace will return only when the leaderless agitators are brought to the negotiating table, an uphill task for any regime. Nepal has been a country where political battles spill onto the streets. On September 8, that familiar turbulence returned, but with a distinctly 21st-century twist. This time, the spark was not royal absolutism or constitutional deadlock, but the government's abrupt decision to unplug the digital lifeline of its youth: social media.

What the State described as enforcement of "digital regulation" was seen by millions as an assault on free expression and connectivity. For a country where over 90% of internet users rely on these platforms for news, remittances, tourism promotion, and even daily commerce, the blackout was not just inconvenient; it felt like suffocation.

Oli argued that extremist elements hijacked the protests, while officials insisted the 26 defaulters were only being penalised. Yet, on the streets, this looked less like legal enforcement and more like political censorship. The move exposed the State's growing intolerance of dissent at a time when ruling politicians faced allegations of corruption.

The eruption of anger reflected deeper frustrations. Fourteen governments in 16 years, spiralling prices, and dynastic privilege have left citizens disillusioned. Social media had become the only real public square for youth and cutting it off meant silencing their voice. The revolt spread without party banners or central leadership, making it harder for security forces to contain. Earlier bans on TikTok and tightening internet laws had already raised suspicion that the State was edging towards authoritarianism. Into this volatile mix entered pro-monarchy forces. Though marginalised since 2006, they staged a massive rally a few months ago that showed royalist sentiment was far from extinct. Analysts believe such elements infiltrated the current protests, adding muscle to the revolt.

## Moment of reckoning

The country's challenge is formidable. While misinformation, cybercrime, and hate speech are legitimate concerns, equating governance with internet shutdowns risks branding the State as repressive. The fragile economy compounds the troubles. Inflation has eroded household incomes, youth unemployment remains high, and dependence on remittances leaves the country vulnerable to external shocks.

At its core, the crisis stemmed from the government enforcing sweeping rules without dialogue or transition. In a society where social media is the primary tool of connection, protest, and survival, the Oli administration badly miscalculated the depth of resentment. Yet, there is one striking difference from Nepal's past upheavals: the absence of anti-India rhetoric. During my posting in Kathmandu while covering the restoration of democracy, I witnessed communists routinely accuse New Delhi of interference. This time, with communists in power, Oli has avoided pointing fingers at India – a welcome shift for bilateral ties. Meanwhile, Beijing has no incentive to encourage unrest as its relations with Kathmandu are currently smooth.

The lesson from this revolt is clear. In today's world, curbing online spaces is as combustible as curbing the ballot box. Just as past generations fought for political freedoms, today's youth are battling for digital rights. Lifting the ban is only the first step, but dialogue with young citizens and leaderless agitators remains the real test. Unless democratic accountability is restored, Nepal risks sinking deeper into its old cycle of protest, repression, and instability – only this time fought both on the streets and in cyberspace.

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# Greed vs legacy: Bengaluru's heritage sites under siege

**CAPT G R GOPINATH (RETD)**

Don't pawn the state's heritage family jewels to builders. It is a sacred bequest that we have to leave for posterity.

Nobel Laureate for Literature V S Naipaul once said that it is distressing to see India going the way of Dubai and Singapore. A great country is more than glittering malls, skyscrapers and concrete flyovers.

Bengaluru has ancient parks; historic and stunning monuments; art and cultural spaces like Lal Bagh and Cubbon Park; the High Court, the Vidhana Soudha, and the Raj Bhavan; the Bangalore Palace set amid 200-odd acres of woodland; Tipu Sultan's Summer Palace; St Mark's Cathedral; the Bull Temple; the Chitrakala Parishat; the Ravindra Kalakshetra; the classic Diwan Sheshadri Iyer Public Library; the Venkatappa Art Gallery and Museum; heritage marketplaces like KR Market and Russel Market; the Chinnaswamy Cricket Stadium; the Brigade Parade Grounds; the Race Course; the Bangalore Golf Club (BGC); the Jakkur Flying School; and many more.

The history of these landmarks is illuminating, revealing the foresight, prudence and cosmopolitan vision of our forefathers, who built a city that would stand alongside other great cities like London, Paris and Rome that would usher in modernity while preserving heritage.

Take, for instance, the Bangalore Golf Club. Established in 1876 by the British Army on a 60-acre plot, it remains the oldest club outside the British Isles to operate on its original site. In 1885, an order during the reign of the Maharaja Krishnarajendra Wodeyar confirmed the land as a free assignment for the specific purpose of golf, prohibiting construction or other activities.

There were attempts to shift the golf club and convert it into some other foolhardy project. It was saved by appeasing those in power by allotting them out-of-turn permanent membership in the club.

With the skyrocketing prices of real estate in Bengaluru owing to the rush of modern manufacturing facilities and information technology creating jobs and new constructions for residences and office spaces, and the flood of migrants pouring into the city every day from rural Karnataka and from across India's more backward and remote regions, everyone is looking at land in Bengaluru with the lenses of an avaricious real estate developer.

There was a proposal to cancel the lease of the iconic Bangalore Race Course, started originally by the British Army in the 1800s. In 1951, the Karnataka government allocated 85 acres in High Grounds, blending colonial charm with the thrill of racing. The aim was to turn it into real estate for ministerial quarters by shifting it to the boondocks. Thankfully it was thwarted by activists who opposed it and litigation. Today it's a top-tier racing club.

Now the gaze has turned on another historic coveted piece of real estate – the 200-acre Government Flying Training School (GFTS) based at the Jakkur Aerodrome with a rich legacy of aviation training in India.

The visionary Maharaja of Mysore, Jayachamarajendra Wodeyar, gave the land in 1948 to the Government of Karnataka for the exclusive purpose of starting a flying school to train pilots and allied aviation activities. The first Indian woman pilot, Usha Sundaram, earned her commercial flying licence from these hallowed grounds, making it a unique institution in the country's aviation space. A Karnataka NCC Battalion has been operating out of the Jakkur Aerodrome for many years for young boys and girls cadets to train them on flying to join the Indian Air Force.

It has also ushered in private sector helicopter flying by making it a household name for use by VVIPs of government, corporates and investors from around the world who wish to land in remote factories or to fly tourists to spots like Hampi, Belur and Halebeedu, Mysore and Kabini game parks; for emergency air-ambulance missions rescuing serious accident victims and patients from remote sites to Bangalore hospitals.

With the advent of eVTOL (electric vertical takeoff and landing aircraft), which are silent, lift off like a helicopter and fly like a plane, eliminating noise pollution and air pollution, a big concern of environmental protection lobbies, Jakkur in the heart of the city is ideal for converting it into vertiports to reach the city centre or nearby towns – without shutting or shifting the flying school. eVTOLs are not science fiction; they are already flying passengers in New York, Miami, Dubai and Guangzhou, China, out of vertiports on limited routes over short distances.

It was reported a couple of days ago that Chief Minister Siddaramaiah called a meeting of GFTS officials to discuss many aspects of the flying school. He announced that the government was considering acquiring 3-4 acres of land along the funnel of the runway to its east to extend it, as the Metro flyover had shortened the effective runway length, preventing slightly larger planes from taking off and landing for both training and passenger flights. The meeting was also attended by senior bureaucrats and a couple of ministers.

However, a few of them submitted a proposal to the CM stating the Jakkur Flying School has been operating in fits and starts over the years and not generating enough revenues befitting its real estate potential of Rs 20,000 crore or more to be converted to a more lucrative, spanking new golf course along with a complex and other facilities. The motives seem blatantly obvious.

Ideally the group who attended the meeting should have requested the CM to look into the maladministration of the GFTS over the last three decades, from the early 1990s when the rot set in. They should have pushed for a time-bound study on how to restructure and resuscitate it with recommendations for generating revenue and recommended aspects of the flying school and its grounds that can be outsourced to the private sector for allied activities of aviation, including drones and manufacturing of electronics and high-tech, high-value electrical parts of aircraft to many startups instead of one mega-corporation.

Bengaluru already has 6-7 golf courses. And if someone fancies more, welcome; go ahead and build it beyond the city. If Cubbon Park or Lal Bagh is sold to Disneyland or Universal Studios as in Hollywood, certainly it will make oodles of money. Do we have the right to pawn the state's heritage family jewels? It is a sacred bequest that we must leave for posterity.

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## The rise of 'digital dopamine' is rewiring our brains, prioritising instant online gratification over meaningful real-life experiences

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THE NEW YORK TIMES

# Digital dopamine is consuming America. It's time for IRL

You own the most valuable real estate in the world. Deep inside your brain is the nucleus accumbens, a pea-sized bundle of neurons. When you do or anticipate something rewarding, dopamine is released in this part of your brain, motivating you to repeat that behaviour.

Corporations are spending hundreds of billions of dollars to capture this reward system. The miners and merchants of dopamine use bits of software—social media, pornography, online gambling and other apps — to deliver quick hits of the chemical, keeping you coming back for more and cutting out the real world.

This is digital dopamine, and it's carving a fault line in our society. On one side is the online realm, where everything is instant, easy and alone. Lots of money can be made there, but little meaning. On the other side is the shrinking terrain of real life, where meaning is made.

As the father of three children under 6, I do not want their brains programmed by corporations, like software. And as a congressman on the committee that oversees much of technology and commerce, I know there are deeper forces at work here: In our laws and in our markets, America has stacked the deck in favour of virtual reality over our material reality.

And it's about to get a lot worse. To power the artificial intelligence boom, Meta, Google and the other tech titans are investing sums in infrastructure, such as data centres and semiconductor factories, not seen since the railroad age. AI is being incorporated into relationship bots, immersive experiences and neural implants. Phones and other consumer technology will soon become even more addictive.

For a preview, look at the plight of adolescents, particularly young men, who are at the frontier of the digital dopamine realm. Their nucleus accumbens is highly sensitive. Their pre-frontal cortex, which is vital for controlling behaviour, is underdeveloped. This combination can lead young men to aggressively seek novelty and status.

Societies have always wrestled with those instincts. But today, our society is routing young men to online sports betting, pornography and bot-infused social media platforms, like Meta, whose policies at one point deemed it "acceptable" for bots "to engage a child in conversations that are romantic or sensual."

In this realm, it's all digital reward, with no in-real-life effort. Young men are the worse for it, in both work and love. That's not only a failure; it's a warning about a technology that will soon saturate our culture.

Americans do not want this. Just look at the outcry from state and local lawmakers of both parties when House Republicans tried to ban states from regulating AI.

We need to take action to both regulate the online realm and make IRL effort more rewarding.

Start with online. The Consumer Product Safety Commission insists that pharmaceutical companies put medications in child-safe bottles. It should do the same for apps that deliver digital dopamine. Labels could inform adults that using these apps comes with risks, and laws could restrict children's use.

To develop strong, empirically sound standards, app developers should have to share anonymised data about user behaviour with scientists studying the effects of digital dopamine, so that we can fully understand the effects of their products.

Meta, for example, recently revealed in court that, on average, people spend only 7 percent of their total time on Instagram viewing content from friends. Most of the time, they're consuming short videos recommended by its AI-powered algorithms. Those algorithms are fundamentally changing Americans' sense of self and society. They should not be corporate secrets.

This kind of medical approach will be more effective than roundabout antitrust action. The platforms and business models for dopamine mining are changing quickly. Rather than chase corporations as they shape-shift, regulators should focus on that pea-sized bundle of neurons where feedback loops of pleasure and pain get twisted into addiction.

Our in-real-life terrain also needs upgrades. We need to foster an economy that works like Legos, a game of patience and skill that involves building things together, not Monopoly, which is all about extraction. For too long, our economy has looked more like Monopoly, and it has deprived too many Americans of jobs with meaning and purpose.

America needs to build five million more homes, generate gigawatts more nuclear and geothermal power, and manufacture more ships than the Chinese Navy. Where government is getting in the way, like with zoning codes that stifle housing development, lawmakers should cut through the red tape. Where corporations are too vested in the *status quo*, like oil conglomerates and defence contractors, the government should challenge corporate power and level the playing field for start-ups.

Our IRL terrain especially needs more innovation in what's called tough tech. Tough tech companies use frontier science and engineering to solve the world's hardest material problems, from climate change to disease, by inventing technologies in fields like fusion energy, cell biology and AI-powered robotics.

We need more people to run the construction sites and factories powered by this technology. Otherwise, America will fall behind China. We should establish 1,000 new trade schools across the country. Along with trade unions, these schools can enlist the next generation — particularly young men, who are struggling in school — to sweat and strive offline.

When I joined the Marines 15 years ago, the corps gave me camaraderie and competence in service of a mission bigger than me. The infantry made me a better man. But young Americans should not need to carry an assault weapon to help the nation, or themselves. We must recruit them into building the real world.

Social order is not spontaneous. If we want IRL effort to triumph over digital dopamine, our public morality must reflect that. We ought to expect of one another an ethic of improvement, both national and personal. And we should insist that technology serves, not subverts, that ethic.

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**The New York Times**

# Authors are not marketing tools

**SREELATA MENON**

After embarking on a spree of publicity tours, Harper Lee of *To Kill a Mocking Bird* fame finally called a halt. She could afford to. Her masterpiece had made the *New York Times*' best-seller list in its first week. Even fifty long years after her book knocked sales figures out of the park, she had the BBC camping outside her house, hoping for a look in.

Although she wouldn't oblige, and now famously expected her book to speak for itself, what does it tell you? As an author if you want your books to do well, you need to have visibility. You need to get out there and market yourself. You need to be here, there and everywhere.

Yet, good books if positioned right should, shouldn't they, without the author flim flam find their market? In today's publishing world, apparently not.

Authors are expected to be—writer, publicist, social media strategist and stage performer, all rolled into one. The lines between creativity and commercial hustle have blurred. It has set the trend for every author's nightmare- publicity hunt.

While marketing is absolutely and irrefutably important in the book world, the idea however that authors should serve as marketing tools for their own work seems kind of problematic. It necessarily shifts the focus from storytelling to salesmanship.

An author is a writer and creative story-telling is what he or she does. A writer is not a sales person and should not be required to be one. If to publicise, market or sell was what an author wanted to do, wouldn't he or she have opted to become a PR executive or a marketing person?

However, that's exactly what editors and publishers presently expect their authors to become. And that is unfair. Everybody knows that writing and marketing need completely different expertise. Writing is an act of creation.

An author's primary role is to create narratives that challenge, inspire or resonate with his or her readers mentally -not engage with them frontally. It is a behind-the-scenes operation that is quiet, solitary and mind consuming. Marketing on the other hand demands visibility, performance, and people skills. Both are thus fundamentally at odds.

The need to market might well, take the joy out of the writing too. Even become psychologically challenging. Authors are not trained marketers nor are they commodities or products. They are not mobile posters or social media influencers and shouldn't be made to perform like them.

It's not that authors don't dream of becoming wealthy by reaching their readers. They obviously do, but they are also just people who have simply signed up to write stories. When publishers offload what should be their chore on to authors, they risk damaging the very talent they rely upon to produce good content.

It's often mentally unnerving and even demeaning for most authors to get up on stage and promote their books by holding them up like they are new borns. While many writers do enjoy engaging with audiences to promote their work not everyone likes the limelight.

By all means, engage with those who do. Harness them and involve them and sales might skyrocket. However, should the success of a book only hinge on the author's Instagram strategy, conversation skills or stage presence? Shouldn't it be valued for its creative output rather than his or her ability to sell it?

To turn authors into promotional tools might even put their innate creativity at risk. So, let's uphold, promote and celebrate authors as artists, not advertisers. Marketing should be a happy choice and not a criterion for success. Let's not insist on what most authors across the board, dread–in-person book launches or in-conversation sessions that force them to perform before an invited audience to entice them into buying their books.

Though these gatherings have become the norm, an author's presence should ideally only be peripheral to all marketing strategies. For who knows, too much public exposure and hype might even backfire.

Readers might get put off and authors might get writer's block. When writers are free to just write, the world gets better books—and isn't that a win for everyone? May publishers realise, sooner than later, that they- why else are they in the business - shouldn't have to call on authors to promote, market, sell and turn those books into money spinners.

An author's role is to only create, write and provide them with - yes, those tough best sellers.

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## OUR PAGES OF HISTORY

**50 YEARS AGO: SEPTEMBER 1975**

### Virtual death of SEATO

Bangkok, Sept 9
The Southeast Asia Treaty Organisation, often cited as a basis for America's intervention in Vietnam, celebrated its 21st birthday today, but seemed unlikely to reach its 22nd anniversary. The only two South-East Asian members of the organisation, the Philippines and Thailand, have conferred and agreed that SEATO's original role to contain China and stop the advance of Communism in the region was no longer valid. Both have established diplomatic relations with China and were seeking ties with the new Governments in Indo-China.

**25 YEARS AGO: SEPTEMBER 2000**

### No parallel between E Timor and Kashmir: Jaswant

New York, Sept 9
India on Friday termed as absurd a parallel drawn by Pakistan Chief Executive Gen Musharraf between Kashmir and East Timor. External Affairs Minister Jaswant Singh said there is no need to respond to absurdities and added that East Timor is an occupied territory while Jammu and Kashmir is an integral part of India. Out of 63 heads of state who spoke at the UN on Thursday, only two leaders each from Pakistan and Saudi Arabia spoke on Kashmir. "That is the index of their support," Mr Singh said.

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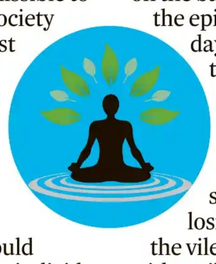
# The triumph of tolerance

"You Are Approaching ZERO TOLERANCE JUNCTION,' proclaims a sign by a busy road, where traffic regulations are strictly enforced. Penalties are immediately imposed on those caught breaking the rules.

The phrase 'zero tolerance' is commonly heard in the context of terrorist attacks. A head of state, whose country has been the scene of a mindless massacre, vociferously declares zero tolerance for the barbaric bloodbath.

'Zero tolerance' is also used to censure corruption, discrimination, violence against women and other infringements of the law. At a school or college orientation programme, students might be informed that the institution to which they have just gained admission has a zero-tolerance policy towards misconduct.

While it is perfectly permissible to treat the evils that plague society with zero tolerance, we must be careful to reserve categorical condemnation for atrocities against the weak and vulnerable.



On no account should we display zero tolerance towards our fellow human beings. Such an attitude would turn us into harsh, inflexible individuals, ruthlessly rejecting everyone who thinks or acts differently from us.

There are lessons to be learnt from the life of the 16th-century sage, Sant Eknath Maharaj. Born in Paithan (a town in modern-day Maharashtra), on the banks of the Godavari, he was the epitome of tolerance. Every day, he would make his way to the river for his morning ablutions.

A neighbour, who was aware that Sant Eknath was famed for forbearance, set out to provoke him into losing his composure. Since the vile abuse he hurled was met with smiles, the self-styled adversary resorted to emptying buckets over the freshly bathed holy man.

On one occasion, he did so several times, but Sant Eknath refrained from resentment. Instead, he calmly made repeated trips to the river. Frustrated at his failure to elicit an angry reaction, the wrongdoer pleaded for pardon and showered Sant Eknath with flowers.

Even if (an enormous IF!) we respond to insult and injury with the goodness and grace of Sant Eknath, let us not expect the floral finale of the story of the saint. "People", said Mother Teresa, "are illogical, self-centred and unreasonable." Besides, they are unlikely to change for the better. Can we, despite that drawback, forgive their faults and frailties and treat them with tolerance?

**VP ELECTION:** Justice Reddy falls short as at least 13 Opposition lawmakers back NDA candidate

# Despite efforts, cross-voting hits I.N.D.I.A bloc

SHEMIN JOY
NEW DELHI, DHNS

Opposition did not leave any leaf unturned to ensure that all its 324 MPs cast their votes in the vice-presidential election, but the outcome left the political managers with a rude shock as at least 13 lawmakers from their flock jumped ship to support rival NDA's CP Radhakrishnan.

Opposition joint candidate Justice B Sudershan Reddy was left with only 300 votes, 24 down from what was expected, while Radhakrishnan got 452 against a promised 439. Fifteen votes were rendered invalid with the BJP claiming that some of the ballots were marked in a wrong manner deliberately.

The outcome was a foregone conclusion with NDA having the numerical strength with 11 YSR Congress MPs announcing support, but to the surprise of the Opposition, the NDA got 13 more votes. This happened at a time when the Opposition felt that if they managed 315 votes, it would serve their purpose.

The cross-voting and invalid votes did not help Justice Reddy, who also had the opportunity to rewrite Sushil Kumar Shinde's 2002 record of securing 305 votes for a losing candidate.

In a bid to ensure that it shone better at the end, sources said that the Opposition even nudged BRS and BJD to abstain from voting as they were not inclined to vote for Justice Reddy. Congress leader Kamal Nath is learnt to have reached out to the BJD leadership, while a few Congress and Trinamool Congress leaders worked their lines with the BRS.

While the Opposition is yet to make an assessment on possible cross-voters, a section of the Opposition managers are pointing fingers at a few AAP, NCP(SP) and Shiv Sena (UBT) MPs. While some of the AAP MPs, according to them, have been soft towards the BJP, a section of the Shiv Sena (UBT) MPs want to leave the I.N.D.I.A bloc and join hands with the Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena.

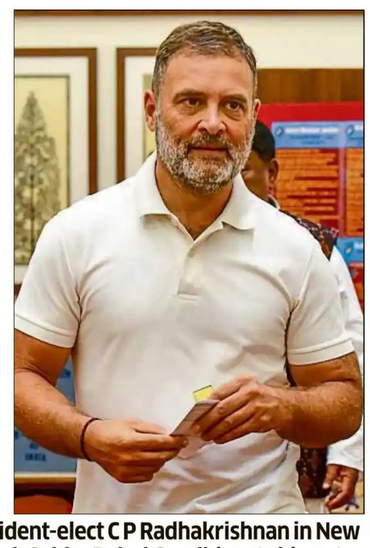
Congress General Secretary (Communications) Jairam Ramesh, however, said the opposition "stood completely united" and its performance was "undoubtedly respectable". He said Justice Reddy secured around 40% votes this time against 26% in the 2022 VP poll.

MPs who were abroad were made to return, and three Trinamool MPs and an AAP MP with health issues were flown to Delhi to ensure the presence of all MPs.

During the voting, the entire Opposition was coordinating to ensure that all MPs voted. Congress assigned coordinators to deal with the pointsmen of allies, and they were seen checking frequently with them about their party MPs casting votes.

With Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge's office becoming the nerve centre for Opposition action, Congress coordinators were seen feeding Ramesh with information about Opposition MPs casting votes at regular intervals.

At one point in the afternoon, when he was told about actor-turned-politician Kamal Hassan not turning up yet for voting, Ramesh dialled a senior DMK leader to check and later ensured that the MNM MP cast his vote. Congress Whip Syed Naseer Hussain, too, was on the phone with coordinators collecting details.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulates Vice President-elect C P Radhakrishnan in New Delhi on Tuesday. (Right) Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi casts his vote during the VP election at the Parliament House complex. PTI

## Mock drills, breakfast briefings: Inside BJP's poll playbook

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NEW DELHI, DHNS

Confident of the victory of NDA's vice presidential candidate CP Radhakrishnan, the BJP had begun preparations for celebrations a day ahead of polling. Hours before the results were declared, arrangements were already underway at the residence of Union Food and Consumer Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi.

Later, after Radhakrishnan was announced as the vice president-elect, Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Joshi's residence to meet him. Home Minister Amit Shah and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh also greeted Radhakrishnan along with the prime minister.

BJP leaders, assured of a smooth win with just the NDA's numbers, ended up securing even more. While the NDA had 437 MPs across both Houses, Radhakrishnan won 452 votes — despite 15 votes being declared invalid — indicating cross-voting in his favour.

To prepare for the polls, the BJP had conducted a mock drill during its three-day MP workshop, as the voting is based on first and second preferences. The party also tasked Minister Joshi with guiding TDP MPs on how to cast their votes, as many of them were young and first-time participants in a VP election.

The BJP had also entrusted several Union ministers with the responsibility of ensuring votes. Ministers Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Kiren Rijiju, ML Khattar, Dharmendra Pradhan, Piyush Goyal, Arjun Ram Meghwal, Nityanand Rai, Bhupender Yadav, Mansukh Mandaviya and Joshi were assigned to accompany different groups of MPs. These lawmakers were instructed to report to their designated leaders' residences in the morning, ahead of polling, which began at 10 am. After breakfast, the MPs were taken to Parliament by the assigned minister.

Sources in the BJP said a senior leader from the South was tasked with reaching out to regional parties, particularly the YSRCP and BRS. The YSRCP extended support to the NDA candidate despite the I.N.D.I.A bloc's nominee being a Telugu, while the BRS abstained from voting. A senior BJP leader also reached out to MPs within the Samajwadi Party.

## Coimbatore to New Delhi: CPR's rise as third VP from TN

E T B SIVAPRIYAN
CHENNAI, DHNS

Chandrapuram Ponnusamy Radhakrishnan is the third leader from Tamil Nadu, after Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan and R Venkataraman, to be elected vice president of India.

Both Radhakrishnan and Venkataraman ascended to the presidency after serving their VP terms in 1962 and 1987, respectively. Whether CPR will also occupy the Rashtrapati Bhavan like his predecessors will be known in July 2027, when incumbent President Draupadi Murmu's five-year term ends.

The 68-year-old CPR, a two-time MP from Coimbatore, is one of the BJP's stalwarts in Tamil Nadu. He is credited with driving the party's growth in the western region dominated by the enterprising Gounders, who form the core support base of the saffron party in the state.

Besides his experience as a parliamentarian and his deep roots in the RSS, his Gounder background is also believed to be one of the reasons for his ascension to the post of VP.

Just two-and-a-half years ago, he was packed off to Ranchi as the governor of Jharkhand to make way for younger leaders to take charge in Tamil Nadu. The BJP believes the Gounders will eventually rally behind the party electorally, if not immediately.

A grassroots leader with his ear always to the ground, CPR belongs to the AB Vajpayee–LK Advani era. He was elected MP from Coimbatore in 1998 and 1999, in alliance with the AIADMK and DMK, respectively. In 1998, he won the seat with the highest margin in the state, riding a wave of public sentiment following the Coimbatore bomb blasts that claimed 58 lives.

One little-known fact about CPR is that he has enjoyed the trust of Prime Minister Narendra Modi for over two decades. The backstory goes that when many BJP leaders distanced themselves from Modi after his government came under intense scrutiny following the 2002 riots, it was CPR, then an MP, who broke ranks by organising a public meeting for the then Gujarat CM in Coimbatore.

It is said that the rally in Coimbatore helped break the jinx around inviting Modi to other states.

A businessman himself, CPR — who lost the 2014 Lok Sabha election by fewer than 50,000 votes despite the BJP contesting without an alliance with either the DMK or AIADMK — was the go-to man for industry associations in Tiruppur and Coimbatore to seek appointments with Union ministers after the Modi government assumed office in May 2014.

Born in India's knitwear hub, Tiruppur, in 1957, CPR was associated with the RSS from an early age and was elected to the State Executive Committee of the Bharatiya Jan Sangh in 1974.

Colleagues describe CPR as a down-to-earth leader who forged friendships across the political spectrum. As vice president, he will also serve as the chairman of the Rajya Sabha.

**DROUPADI MURMU**
President

"Your decades of rich experience in public life will contribute significantly to the nation's progress. I extend my best wishes to you for a successful and impactful tenure.

**JAGDEEP DHANKHAR**
Former vice president

"Your elevation to this august office reflects the trust and confidence by the representatives of our nation. Given your vast experience, vice president office would certainly attain greater veneration, glory.

**C P RADHAKRISHNAN**
Vice President-elect

"The other side camp (Opposition alliance) said that this (election) is an ideological fight, but from the voting pattern, we understand that the nationalistic ideology has emerged victorious.

**B SUDERSHAN REDDY**
I.N.D.I.A bloc candidate

"I humbly accept this outcome with an abiding faith in the democratic processes of our great republic. This journey has been a profound honour offering me the opportunity to stand for the values that have guided my life – constitutional morality, justice, and the dignity of every individual. Though the result is not in my favour, the larger cause we have collectively sought to advance remains undiminished. The ideological battle continues with ever greater vigour.

## 3 soldiers killed in Siachen avalanche

**SRINAGAR, DHNS:** Three army personnel, including two Agniveers, were killed on Tuesday after being buried under snow in a major avalanche at the Siachen base camp in Ladakh, the world's highest battlefield.

The avalanche reportedly struck the Siachen base camp area in the morning hours, trapping four soldiers of the Mahar regiment under tons of snow.

The soldiers, hailing from Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, and Jharkhand, remained trapped for nearly five hours before rescue teams could reach them. Despite intensive efforts, three of them could not be revived.

An army captain, who was also caught in the avalanche, was pulled out alive and is recovering, officials said.

"The rescue teams faced extremely harsh conditions, including low visibility and sub-zero temperatures, but managed to extricate all personnel," a source said.

Situated at an altitude ranging between 18,000 and 22,000 feet, the 76-km-long Siachen Glacier is considered the highest and one of the most inhospitable battlefields in the world. Temperatures often plunge to minus 60 degrees Celsius, and soldiers face constant dangers from avalanches, crevasses, and blizzards. Oxygen levels are also critically low.

Over the years, avalanches and extreme weather have claimed more lives in Siachen than enemy fire.

## Assam to use 1950 Act to expel illegal migrants

**Deputy commissioners entrusted to decide case within 10 days**

GUWAHATI, DHNS

The Assam Cabinet on Tuesday approved the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to use the Immigrants (Expulsions from Assam) Act, 1950, to "swiftly evacuate" post-1971 migrants from neighbouring Bangladesh and Pakistan.

Under the Act, deputy commissioners (DCs) or additional deputy commissioners (ADCs) would be empowered to decide a case of "illegal migration" within 10 days, and the person being charged with being an illegal migrant would be "evacuated" to a "holding centre" for pushback by the BSF.

"At present, we have over 82,000 pending cases of illegal migrants in our Foreigners Tribunals (FTs). We will not register any new cases in the tribunals at this time. In fact, we will bypass the tribunal system," Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said.

"If a DC receives information that a person is suspected to be an illegal immigrant, he will direct the person to produce evidence of citizenship within 10 days. If the DC finds the evidence insufficient or unsatisfactory, he will record his opinion in writing, identifying the person to be an illegal immigrant," said Sarma.

The DC would then pass an expulsion order under Section 2(a) of the Immigrants (Expulsion from Assam) Act, with the direction to remove the illegal immigrant from Assam within 24 hours and by the route he has specified, said Sarma, adding: "The DC will refer the cases to FTs only if he cannot make a decision."

The SOPs were approved at a time when the BJP-led Assam government is carrying out an eviction drive against Bengali-speaking Muslims, whom it calls "infiltrators" from Bangladesh.

The Congress, however, has said such steps are part of the BJP's "polarisation tactics" in the run-up to the Assembly elections slated for early next year.

### Current system

At present, FTs — quasi-judicial bodies formed under the Foreigners Act, 1946, and the Foreigner (Tribunals) Rule, 1964 — handle cases related to "illegal migration" in Assam.

In case the accused fail to prove that they or their ancestors lived in India on or before March 24, 1971, they are declared foreigners and sent to detention centres, but are allowed to challenge the order in the high court and the Supreme Court.

## Reserved category candidates with more marks can't claim general seats: SC

ASHISH TRIPATHI
NEW DELHI, DHNS

**SUPREME COURT**

"in an event where there was no embargo in the recruitment rules or employment notification, such reserved candidates who scored higher than the last selected unreserved candidate should be entitled to migrate and be recruited against unreserved seats. However, if an embargo is imposed under relevant recruitment rules, such reserved candidates shall not be permitted to migrate to general category seats.

The Supreme Court on Tuesday held that a candidate from a reserved category who has availed fee concessions and age relaxation cannot be recruited against general category seats, even if they have higher marks, if the rules impose an embargo.

A bench said that the recruitment of reserved category candidates in open competition for unreserved seats would depend on the facts of each case.

"In the event there is no embargo in the recruitment rules or employment notification, such reserved category candidates who have scored higher than the last selected unreserved candidate would be entitled to migrate and be recruited against unreserved seats," the SC said.

However, if an embargo is imposed under relevant recruitment rules, such reserved candidates would not be permitted to migrate to general category seats.

The court set aside a 2018 high court judgment related to the 2015 recruitment by the Staff Selection Commission (SSC) for the post of Constable (GD) in central police forces.

The Union government cited an office memorandum dated July 1, 1998, which stated that SC/ST/OBC candidates who availed relaxations in age limit, experience, qualifications or number of attempts in written examinations would not be eligible for consideration against unreserved vacancies.

In the SSC examination, OBC candidates were granted an age relaxation of three years.

The high court, however, relied on Jitendra Kumar Singh & Anr vs State of UP & Ors (2010) to hold that denying OBC candidates the opportunity to migrate to the unreserved category, despite scoring higher than the last selected candidate in that category, was contrary to the principles of merit-based recruitment and violated the principle of equality.

After examining the matter, the SC held that since the OBC candidates had availed age relaxation to participate in the recruitment process, in contravention of the 1998 office memorandum, the HC erred in applying the ratio laid down in Jitendra Kumar and in permitting them to be considered for appointment under the unreserved category.

## Shah hosts Sengottaiyan, embarrasses Palaniswami

**CHENNAI, DHNS:** Union Home Minister Amit Shah has embarrassed AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami by hosting senior leader K A Sengottaiyan, who was removed from his party posts last week for speaking in favour of "unifying" the party, in New Delhi on Monday night.

The meeting has caused yet another strain in the AIADMK-BJP relationship, which was revived in April 2025 after a messy separation in September 2023.

Sengottaiyan broke the news about his meeting with Shah and Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman to reporters on Tuesday evening upon his arrival in Coimbatore from New Delhi.

"I discussed the efforts regarding unification of the AIADMK and about other political developments in the state," Sengottaiyan said, giving credence to speculation that he raised the 'unify AIADMK' slogan at the behest of the BJP.

On September 5, Sengottaiyan pushed for a unified AIADMK by re-inducting expelled leaders—V K Sasikala, her nephew Dhinakaran, and former chief minister O Panneerselvam—into the party to make the party "battle-ready" for the 2026 polls.

Shah and Nirmala choosing to give an audience to Sengottaiyan, who is facing the wrath of his party leadership, has led to questions about whether BJP is once again trying to fish in the troubled AIADMK waters.

## Flood relief: SC judges donate Rs 25,000 each

**NEW DELHI, DHNS: The Chief Justice of India and all other judges of the Supreme Court on Tuesday resolved to voluntarily contribute Rs 25,000 each to the Prime Minister's Flood Relief Fund.**

**"This collective initiative reflects the deep concern for the prevailing flood situation across various regions of the country and reiterates the judiciary's unwavering commitment to humanitarian values and national service," a press release from the SC stated.**

## PM announces Rs 1.6k cr flood relief for Punjab, Rs 1.5k cr for Himachal

CHANDIGARH/SHIMLA, PTI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday announced a financial assistance of Rs 1,600 crore for flood-hit Punjab and an immediate relief of Rs 1,500 crore for rain-affected Himachal Pradesh.

He took stock of the situation in both states in the wake of floods and landslides and also conducted aerial surveys of the affected areas.

Modi first went to Himachal Pradesh, and after an aerial survey, held a meeting in Kangra to review the relief measures undertaken and assess the damage. He also announced Rs 2 lakh ex gratia for the next of kin of the dead and Rs 50,000 for the injured in Himachal Pradesh, where cloudbursts, flash floods and landslides triggered by heavy rains wreaked havoc.

In the meeting with Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, Modi assured all help.

The financial assistance of Rs 1,500 crore to the hill state will be the advance release of the second instalment of SDRF (State Disaster Response Fund) and PM Kisan Samman Nidhi.

### Punjab deluge

In Punjab, which is battling its worst deluge since 1988, Modi announced the Rs 1,600-crore assistance in addition to the Rs 12,000 crore already in the state's kitty. He also announced an ex gratia of Rs 2 lakh to the next of kin of the deceased and Rs 50,000 to the seriously injured in the natural calamity.

From Himachal Pradesh, Modi landed in Gurdaspur — one of the worst-affected districts in Punjab — after conducting the aerial survey. .

**SILENT SWINDLE**

## UP recruitment fraud: Man pockets Rs 3 crore from six jobs

SANJAY PANDEY
LUCKNOW, DHNS

In a revelation pointing to large-scale irregularities in the recruitment of X-ray technicians in the Uttar Pradesh health department in 2016, a man was found to have held six simultaneous postings over the past nine years, drawing a staggering Rs 3 crore in salary.

According to sources, the fraud came to light during a departmental probe into alleged recruitment irregularities.

It was found that Arpit Singh, a resident of Agra, worked as an X-ray technician in Balrampur, Farrukhabad, Rampur, Banda, Amroha and Shamli districts simultaneously for nine years.

Singh used fake documents and Aadhaar cards at different places to hide his true identity, sources said. During this period, he was found to have received Rs 3 crore in salary from different places.

A case under various sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) has been registered against Singh at the Wazirganj police station in Lucknow.

The recruitment of X-ray technicians was conducted in 2016 during the Akhilesh Yadav-led government, through the Uttar Pradesh Subordinate Services Selection Commission (UPSSSC). A total of 403 candidates were selected. The fraud came to light recently when employee data was uploaded to the department's human resource portal.

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, taking a swipe at the former Samajwadi Party (SP) government, alleged that during its tenure, members of a single family used to accept bribes in recruitment processes. He said that his government has launched an investigation into the irregularities and will ensure strict punishment for those found guilty.

## Kerala Islamic scholar accuses ministers, bureaucrats of having 'in-charge wives'

**THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, DHNS:** A Muslim scholar in Kerala has stated that many ministers and bureaucrats who had "in-charge wives" were openly opposing polygamy.

Samastha Kerala Jem-Iyyathul Ulamma central mushawara member and Darul Huda Islamic University founder vice-chancellor, Bahauddeen Muhammed Nadwi, made the controversial statement apparently to justify the provisions in Islamic laws of men having up to four wives at a time.

Speaking at a Sunni Mahal federation meeting, Nadvi said, "There are many duplicitous gentlemen in our society. They include central and state ministers, MPs, MLAs and bureaucrats who have in-charge wives or wives in charge apart from their legal wives. The names of in-charge wives won't be revealed. Such persons are opposing the provisions to have more than one wife."

He also said former CM E M S Namboodiripad's mother got married at the age of 11, but no one insulted EMS or his mother over it because that was the practice during those days.

# Flat buyers' claim legal once included in list of creditors: Top court

## Says denying them possession of their flat would inflict unfair, unwarranted prejudice

**ASHISH TRIPATHI**
NEW DELHI, DHNS

The Supreme Court on Tuesday said once a claim by a flat buyer was incorporated in the list of financial creditors, it acquired full legal recognition within the Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC).

To deny him possession of the flat, despite the claim having been duly verified and admitted, would inflict unfair and unwarranted prejudice, said a bench of Justices Sanjay Kumar and Satish Chandra Sharma.

The court also emphasised that the publication of the list of financial creditors under the IBC was an act in discharge of a statutory duty by the resolution professional, and could not be reduced to a meaningless formality.

> **"The facts of the present case highlight the plight of individual homebuyers who invest their life savings in the hope of securing a roof over their heads"**

On an appeal filed by Amit Nehra and another from Bengaluru, the court set aside the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT)'s January 10 order that affirmed the rejection of the claim for possession of a residential apartment in the real-estate project of M/s Puma Realtors Private Limited, the corporate debtor.

"We are unable to countenance the approach of the NCLAT in brushing aside this admitted position, and in treating the appellants as if they had not filed any claim at all," said the bench.

Ordering the handing-over of possession of the apartment to the appellants within two months, the bench said, "The facts of the present case highlight the plight of individual homebuyers who invest their life savings in the hope of securing a roof over their heads."

The court noted that the appellants, being allottees of an apartment in the project IREO Rise (Gardenia), Mohali, developed by the erstwhile corporate debtor, admittedly paid Rs 57,56,684 out of the total consideration of Rs 60,06,368 in 2010.

Their claim was initially submitted on January 11, 2019, in physical form at the project office at Mohali. They resubmitted their form on February 07, 2020, by way of an email.

Their claim was thereafter duly verified, admitted, and incorporated in the list of financial creditors published on April 30, 2020.

# Melioidosis confirmed in AP amid mysterious outbreak

**HYDERABAD, DHNS:** Health authorities have confirmed melioidosis in a patient from the Turakapalem village in Andhra Pradesh, marking the first laboratory confirmation of the bacterial infection amid a mysterious outbreak that has claimed 23 lives since July.

Guntur Collector S Nagalakshmi confirmed the infection in a 46-year-old man receiving treatment at Guntur Government General Hospital's special ward.

The diagnosis was established after fluid collected from his knee tested positive for the disease. Officials report that his condition was stable.

The unusual mortality pattern — 10 each in July and August, and three so far in September — in this small community of 1,200 residents prompted state authorities to declare a health emergency in Turakpalem on September 3 and launch a comprehensive investigation.

Most victims — predominantly men with an average age of 55 — initially reported fever before rapidly deteriorating and dying of organ failure within days.

Health officials initially suspected melioidosis, a bacterial infection caused by Burkholderia pseudomallei, which the tests have now confirmed.

Authorities mobilised extensive resources to contain the outbreak and investigate its source.

Special medical camps with expert teams are operating in Turakapalem.

# Tippiri Tirupathi is Maoist party general secretary

**S N V SUDHIR**
HYDERABAD, DHNS

Continuing the legacy of Telugu leadership within the Maoist movement, Tippiri Tirupathi, a Madiga Dalit operating under the alias Devuji, was appointed as the new general secretary of the CPI (Maoist), according to sources in security forces.

Tirupathi, in his 60s, hails from Korutla in Telangana's erstwhile Karimnagar district. His elevation follows the killing of Nambala Keshav Rao, alias Basava Raj, during Operation Kagaar on May 21, a watershed moment that marked the first time in decades that the Maoists were left without a supreme leader, and the first successful neutralisation of such a high-ranking Naxalite by security forces.

Intelligence sources identified two frontrunners to succeed Keshav Rao — Tippiri Tirupathi and Mallojula Venugopal Rao. While Tirupathi leads the Central Military Commission (CMC), the party's armed wing, Venugopal Rao serves as the current ideological head. Ultimately, the organisation selected Tirupathi.

In a parallel appointment, Madvi Hidma, alias Santosh, commander of the People's Liberation Guerrilla Army (PLGA) 1st Battalion, was designated as secretary of the Dandakaranya Special Zonal Committee (DSZC). He will be responsible for party activities across Chhattisgarh's Bastar division, considered a crucial operational region for Maoists.

Hidma represents one of the most elusive figures within the CPI (Maoist) hierarchy. Known for his guerrilla warfare expertise, he has orchestrated several high-profile attacks against security forces. His journey began in the 1990s when he joined the movement as a school dropout, rapidly ascending through organisational ranks.

The Maoists currently face their most severe leadership vacuum and organisational crisis in years. Since Operation Kagar's launch, they have been unable to convene core committee meetings as cadres and leadership remain scattered.

# Malegaon blast victims move Bombay HC against acquittal of Pragya Thakur, 6 others

**MUMBAI, DHNS:** More than a month after all seven accused in the Malegaon blasts case walked free, the victims have challenged the acquittal in the Bombay High Court on Wednesday.

The bomb blast victims — Nisar Ahmed Haji Syed Bilal, Sheikh Liaquat Mohiuddin, Sheikh Ishaq Sheikh Yousaf, Usman Khan Ainullah Khan, Mushtaq Shah Haroon Shah and Sheikh Ibrahim Sheikh — have filed an appeal through the Jamiat Ulema Maharashtra (Arshad Madani) Legal Aid Committee, which was representing the victims in the case.

The Maharashtra government has so far not challenged the acquittal.

On July 31, NIA Court's Special Judge Abhay Lahoti — citing "lack of evidence" — acquitted former BJP MP Pragya Singh Thakur alias Swami Purnachetanand Giri, former Military Intelligence officer Lt Col Prasad Purohit (Retd), and Sudhakar Dhar Dwivedi alias Dayanand Pandey alias Swami Amrutanand Devtirth, a self-proclaimed Shankaracharya. Others acquitted were Maj Ramesh Upadhyaya (Retd), Sameer Kulkarni alias Chanakya Sameer, Ajay alias Raja Rahirkar, and Sudhakar Onkarnath Chaturvedi alias Chanakya Sudhakar.

The Navratri-eve blast, coinciding with the month of Ramzan and just a couple of days before Eid, on 29 September 2008, claimed the lives of six persons and injured 101 others at Malegaon in Nashik district of Maharashtra, nearly 300 km from Mumbai.

The investigations were transferred to the Anti-Terrorism Squad of Maharashtra Police, and later to the National Investigation Agency.

# MISCELLANY

## COMICS

### Blondie

### Hagar The Horrible

### Beetle Bailey

### Peanuts

### Marvin

## JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

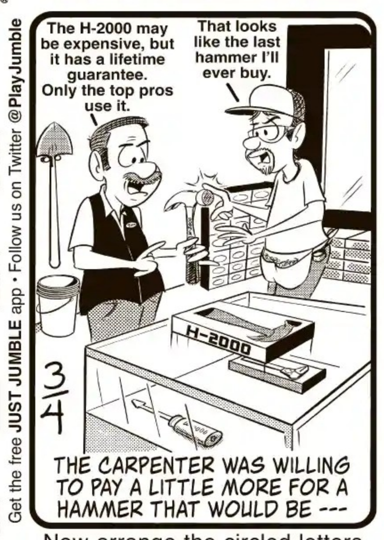
Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

SLOAS

DAAPN

LYIGTU

MRIEHT

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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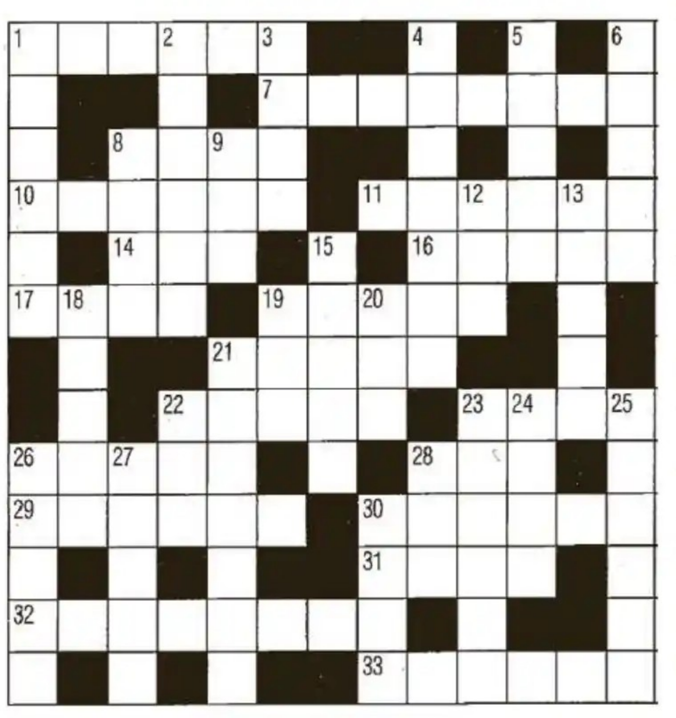
(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's | Jumbles: TITLE SORRY CHOOSE KENNEL
Answer: The band planned to go bowling after their gig because they wanted to — ROCK THEN ROLL

## CROSSWORD CHALLENGE 12243



**ACROSS**
1 Group of seven (6)
7 Increase rapidly (8)
8 Cat noise (4)
10 Voucher (6)
11 Commendation (6)
14 Ensnare (3)
16 Archery ring (5)
17 Evaluate (4)
19 Bathroom fitting (5)
21 Lid (5)
22 Killed (5)
23 Small pointed missile (4)
26 Cowboy display (5)
28 Pitch (3)
29 Take into custody (6)
30 Small horses (6)
31 Among (4)
32 Victory (8)
33 Breathe out (6)

**DOWN**
1 Football (6)
2 Hairpiece (6)
3 Aquatic bird (4)
4 Obstruction (7)
5 Glossy fabric (5)
6 Cut off (5)
8 Long high kick (4)
9 Decompose (3)
12 Insect (3)
13 Main drain (5)
15 Furious (5)
18 Detest vehemently (5)
19 Snake (3)
20 Lair (3)
21 Shut entirely (5,2)
22 Observe (3)
23 Of Denmark (6)
24 Having little rain (4)
25 Struggle (6)
26 American cattle farm (5)
27 Imbibe (5)
28 Male cat (3)
30 Meat spread (4)

**CRYPTIC**

**ACROSS**
1 One who keeps us in cash, relatively speaking (6)
7 Dice can't get shaken by pure chance! (8)
8 Gratuitous helpful hints (4)
10 Back seat on the jumbo (6)
11 Warning of the evils of modern times? (6)
14 Fishy contribution to free love (3)
16 Flattens the wicket, perhaps (5)
17 Animals seen around Derwentwater (4)
19 Prison officer driven home by a twister (5)
21 Took steps to get the speed right (5)
22 Love and a kiss in the wrong pub can confuse things (3,2)
23 Patsy may be a twin (4)
26 Is of a different city (5)
28 The masculine style is less than sophisticated (3)
29 Movement involved in a tango with a charmer (6)
30 Various plungers (6)
31 Took example from a pedagogue (4)
32 Such direction will get you right on the map (8)
33 One posing as a model? (6)

**DOWN**
1 Fish out the female who was whacked (6)
2 One occupying a web site? (6)
3 Architect's name for a northern tree (4)
4 It seems she's not a full-blooded revolutionary (7)
5 Old Harry can make a good end bad! (5)
6 New sites for pig pens (5)
8 Sweet, possibly wet cigarette end (4)
9 Drink up, mate (3)
12 Swear to make Victor cry (3)
13 Can it make the unauthorised parker see the light? (5)
15 Happen to ring a number for a rotter (5)
18 Enrich the town centre at the finish (5)
19 In short, it lacks nothing but a phone (3)
20 A little company of some repute (3)
21 Does he cook what he steals? (7)
22 Part with a coin (3)
23 Girl with only one garment to strip (6)
24 Possibly sued for having exploited (4)
25 When an eye-opener can make you stare! (6)
26 There's plenty of iron in it (5)
27 Initial cause of endless strife (5)
28 A trendy joint (3)
30 Salad can go with them, but many say different (4)

### SOLUTIONS TO CROSSWORD 12242

**CRYPTIC**
**ACROSS:** 1, China 6, Ditto 9, Ex-plain 10,Truce 11, Afire 12, Metro 13, Scrapes 15, Met 17,Tear 18, E-state 19, Ho.-p-it 20, Chopin 22, Miss 24, Ken 25, Vehicle 26, Meter 27, Rad-I-o 28, Large 29, Mumbled 30, Admi-t 31, E.-yin-g.
**DOWN:** 2, Horace 3, Nectar 4, Axe 5, Flies 6, Diarist 7, Info 8, Tar-get 12, Melon 13, Stick 14, Ray-on 15, Ma-Gl-c 16,Terse 18, Eider 19, Hide-out 21, He-RA-ld 22, MI-lady 23, Slog-an 25, Verbs 26, Mimi 28, Lee.

**EASY**
**ACROSS:** 1, Legal 6, Witch 9, Gastric 10, Biped 11, Point 12, Widen 13, Footman 15, Dad 17, Iris 18, Supine 19, Scout 20, Stench 22, Aide 24,Tad 25, Plotter 26,Today 27, Stoat 28, Funds 29, Certain 30, Error 31, Beano.
**DOWN:** 2, Editor 3, Agents 4, Lad 5, Stain 6, Wipe out 7, Icon 8, Cancan 12, Watch13, First 14, Oiled 15, Digit 16, Deter 18, Sully 19, Scooter 21,Tartar 22, Attune 23, Deaden 25, Paste 26,Taco 28, Fib.

## SU-DO-KU-6697

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medium

**SOLUTION TO 6696**

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| 6 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 2 | 7 | 9 | 5 | 3 |
| 5 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 6 | 3 | 8 | 4 |
| 4 | 1 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 9 | 7 |
| 3 | 9 | 8 | 4 | 7 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 9 | 4 | 6 | 1 |
| 1 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 7 | 3 | 9 |
| 9 | 6 | 3 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 2 | 5 |

**To solve the puzzle:**
To solve a su-do-ku puzzle, every digit from1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows, and in each of the nine boxes.

## HITORI-3151

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | 8 | 1 | 8 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 2 |
| 3 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 2 |
| 5 | 2 | 8 | 6 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 4 |
| 6 | 1 | 6 | 6 | 3 | 6 | 8 | 1 |
| 8 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 7 |
| 4 | 7 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 6 |
| 4 | 1 | 7 | 8 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 1 |
| 6 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 8 | 1 | 6 |

**SOLUTION TO 3150**

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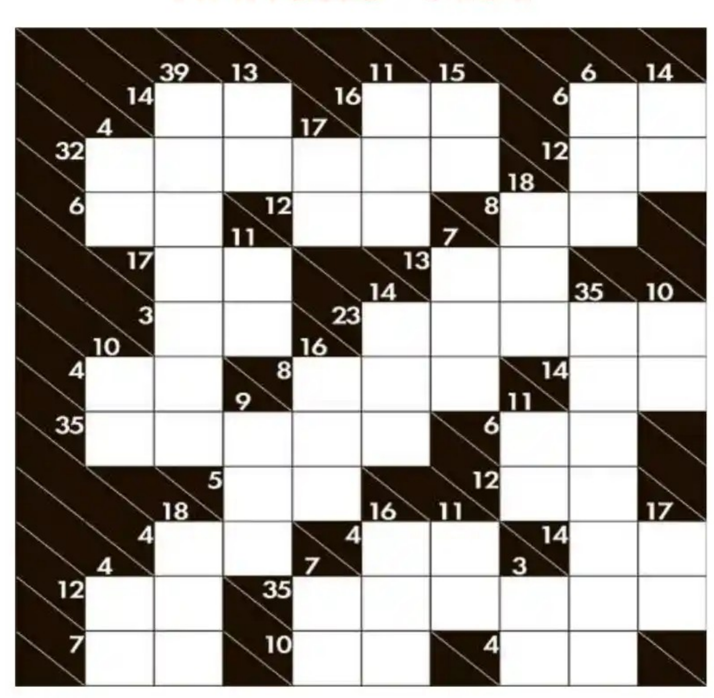
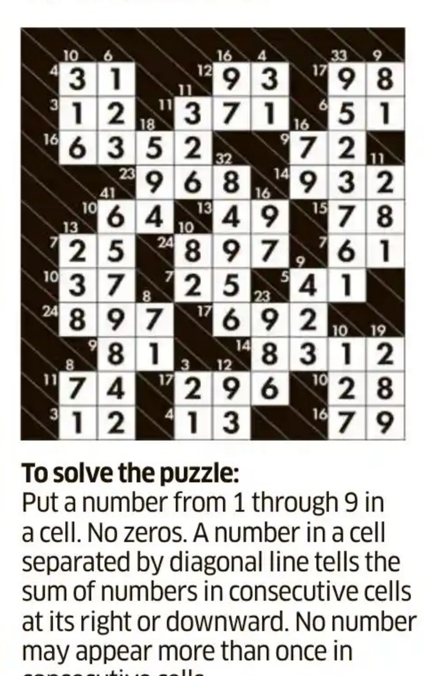
| ■ | 5 | ■ | 3 | 2 | 7 | 8 | 1 |
| 8 | 6 | 7 | 5 | ■ | 3 | 2 | ■ |
| ■ | 7 | ■ | 2 | 6 | ■ | 1 | 3 |
| 3 | ■ | 4 | ■ | 7 | 1 | ■ | 6 |
| 6 | 8 | 3 | 4 | 1 | ■ | 7 | ■ |
| 1 | 2 | ■ | 6 | ■ | 8 | 5 | 4 |
| 2 | ■ | 6 | 8 | 4 | 5 | ■ | 7 |
| 4 | 1 | ■ | 7 | 5 | ■ | 6 | 2 |

**To solve the puzzle:** Eliminate numbers by filling in squares so that remaining cells in that row or column do not repeat that number more than once. Filled-in cells cannot be horizontally or vertically adjacent. The un-filled cells must form a single component connected horizontally and vertically.

## KAKURO- 3151



**SOLUTION TO 3150**



**To solve the puzzle:**
Put a number from 1 through 9 in a cell. No zeros. A number in a cell separated by diagonal line tells the sum of numbers in consecutive cells at its right or downward. No number may appear more than once in consecutive cells.

## SCRABBLE

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M3 J8 O1 U1 B3 O1 J8 — Triple Word Score — RACK 1

A1 A1 O1 S1 T1 M3 T1 — Double Word Score — RACK 2

I1 E1 S1 N1 N1 T1 O1 — RACK 3

H4 R1 H4 T1 E1 R1 S1 — RACK 4

PAR SCORE 120-130
by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in the Collins English Dictionary. JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW

**YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| P3 R1 O1 M3 P3 T1 | RACK 1 = | 18 |
| H4 E1 D2 G2 Y4 | RACK 2 = | 13 |
| O1 B3 T1 E1 C3 T1 | RACK 3 = | 11 |
| S1 U1 S1 P3 E1 N1 D2 | RACK 4 = | 60 |
| | JUDD'S TOTAL | 102 |

PAR SCORE 70-80

## SU DO KU X - 3672

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| 6 | | 1 | | | | | | 7 |
| 8 | | 4 | 2 | | 7 | | | |
| | | 6 | 3 | | 1 | 5 | 4 | |
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**SOLUTION TO 3671**

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9 | 4 | 8 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 5 |
| 1 | 2 | 7 | 4 | 9 | 5 | 8 | 3 | 6 |
| 5 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 8 | 4 | 1 | 9 |
| 7 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 9 | 8 |
| 4 | 1 | 9 | 3 | 8 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 3 | 8 | 6 | 9 | 5 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 1 |
| 8 | 9 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 7 | 3 |
| 6 | 7 | 4 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 9 | 5 | 2 |
| 2 | 3 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 9 | 1 | 8 | 4 |

**To solve the puzzle:**
The objective is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column, each 3x3 box and each shaded diagonal line contains the same number only once.

## Letter to Epstein purportedly signed by Trump released

**WASHINGTON, AP/PTI:** Democrats on the House Oversight Committee on Monday released a sexually suggestive letter to Jeffrey Epstein, purportedly signed by President Donald Trump, which he has denied.

The letter was part of a 50th birthday album compiled in 2003 for Epstein, a wealthy and well-connected financier who was once a friend of Trump.

The full House committee later released a copy of the entire album, which included names of several other prominent figures such as former President Bill Clinton and attorney Alan Dershowitz in a "friends" section.

Trump has insisted he did not write the letter or create the drawing of a curvaceous woman that frames it, and he has filed a $10 billion lawsuit against *The Wall Street Journal* over earlier reporting on the alleged link. "As I have said all along, it is very clear President Trump did not draw this picture, and he did not sign it," White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt said in a statement.

# Israel strikes Hamas officials in Qatar

### Palestinian leader's son among 5 officials killed

DOHA/DUBAI, REUTERS

Israel launched an air strike on Tuesday against the leaders of arch-foe Hamas in Qatar, expanding its wide-ranging military operations in the Middle East to include the Gulf Arab state where the Palestinian Islamist group has long maintained its political base.

White House spokeswoman Karoline Leavitt said that hitting Hamas was a worthy goal, but the United States regretted the location of the attack.

Qatar, a key security partner of the United States and host to al-Udeid Air Base — the largest US military facility in the Middle East — has acted as a mediator alongside Egypt in ceasefire talks during the nearly two-year-old Gaza war.

Leavitt told a briefing that the Trump administration was notified by the Pentagon "just before" Israel's attack on Hamas in Qatar. She added that President Donald Trump spoke to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu shortly after. Leavitt also said the US military had been notified "just before the attack" but declined to say by whom.

"The Trump administration was notified by the United States military that Israel was attacking Hamas, which very unfortunately was located in a section of Doha, the capital of Qatar," Leavitt told the White House briefing.

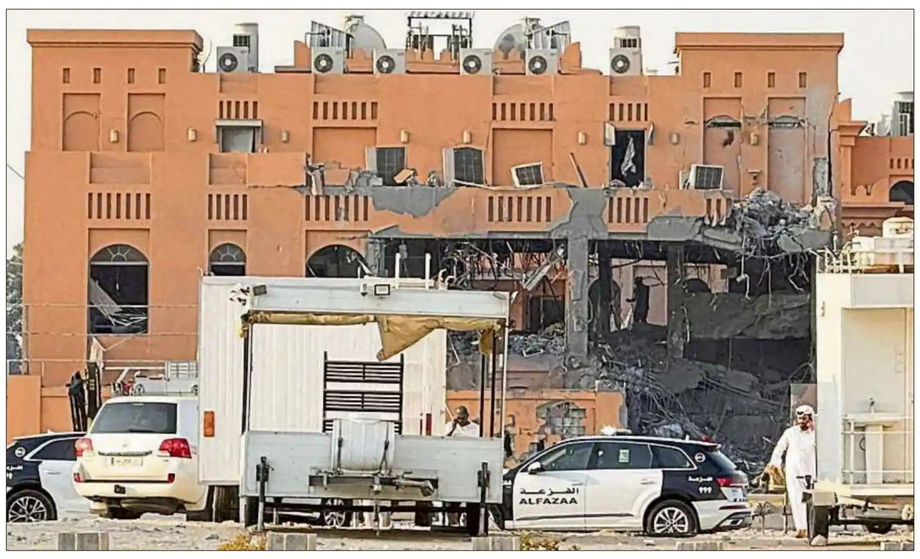
"Unilaterally bombing inside Qatar — a sovereign nation and close ally of the United States that is working very hard and bravely taking risks with us to broker peace — does not advance Israel's or America's goals. However, eliminating Hamas, who have profited off the misery of those living in Gaza, is a worthy goal."

Qatar condemned Tuesday's attack as "cowardly" and called it a flagrant violation of international law. The assault is expected to deliver a serious, if not fatal, blow to ceasefire efforts, particularly as negotiations have often taken place in Qatar.

Hamas said five of its members were killed in the attack in Doha, including the son of exiled Gaza chief and top negotiator Khalil al-Hayya. The group claimed Israel had failed in what it called an attempt to assassinate its ceasefire negotiation team. Earlier, Hamas political bureau member Suhail al-Hindi told Al Jazeera TV that the group's top leadership had survived the Israeli strike.

Two Hamas sources told Reuters that officials in the ceasefire negotiating team survived the attack, which came shortly after an evacuation order in Gaza City, where Israel is pressing an offensive aimed at destroying the group and its military capabilities. Israeli officials told Reuters the strike was aimed at top Hamas leaders, including Hayya.

The leaders of Britain and France condemned the strikes on Doha. UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer said the attack violated Qatar's sovereignty and risked "further escalation" in the volatile region, while Macron called them "unacceptable".



A view of a damaged building struck by an Israeli attack in Doha on Tuesday. REUTERS

**BENJAMIN NETANYAHU**
Israeli prime minister

"The days are over when terror leaders can enjoy immunity of any kind ... I won't allow that kind of immunity to exist

## WORLD AT A GLANCE

Former Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra arrives at the Supreme Court in Bangkok on Tuesday. The court ordered Thaksin to be jailed for one year, ruling that he improperly served a 2023 prison term in the hospital. REUTERS

### At least 60 people killed in rebel attack in eastern Congo

Rebels in eastern Congo affiliated with the Islamic State group killed at least 60 people in an attack overnight, AP/PTI reports from Goma (Congo).

The attack was carried out by the Allied Democratic Force in Ntoyo, North Kivu, after residents gathered at a burial. "The ADF attack caused around 60 deaths, but the final toll will be given later this evening because the territory has just deployed services to the area to count the number of beheaded people," Col. Alain Kiwewa, local administrator of the Lubero territory where Ntoyo is located, told The Associated Press. "There were about 10 of them. I saw machetes. They told people to gather in one place and started cutting them. I listened to people screaming and I fainted," a survivor said. She requested anonymity out of fear of reprisal. The region is beset by a set of complex conflicts, including an increase in attacks by the ADF, which operates in the border region between Congo and Uganda. In July, the group carried out two large-scale attacks in Ituri province — a church attack killing at least 34 in Komanda and an earlier attack that killed 66 people in Irumu.

### Apple unveils latest iPhone lineup

Apple has unveiled its new iPhone 17 lineup, along with updates to its digital watches and AirPod products, at its annual September product launch, AP/PTI reports from Washington.

The new iPhones are the first to be released since President Donald Trump returned to the White House and unleashed a barrage of tariffs, in what his administration says is an attempt to bring overseas manufacturing back to the US — a crusade that has thrust Apple CEO Tim Cook into the hot seat. The new devices feature a larger 6.3-inch display and are powered by a new A19 chip, designed to support Apple's AI features. The iPhone 17's front camera has also been upgraded to have a wider field of view and a new sensor. The new devices are still expected to be made in Apple's manufacturing hubs in China and India. Both Trump and US Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick have repeatedly insisted that iPhones be made in the US instead of overseas. It's an unrealistic demand that analysts say would take years to pull off and would result in a doubling, or even a tripling, of the iPhone's current average price of about $1,000.

### Moldova slams Russia 'hybrid war'

Moldovan President Maia Sandu warned on Tuesday that her country's democracy faces a "race against time" from what she said were attempts by Russia to influence parliamentary elections, AP/PTI reports from Bucharest.

In a speech to the European Parliament in Strasbourg, Sandu said the September 28 vote to choose a new 101-seat legislature would be the "most consequential" election in the European Union-candidate country's history. Sandu reiterated long-held allegations that Moscow is conducting a sprawling "hybrid war" against Moldova — through disinformation, vote-buying, illicit party funding, and myriad other tactics — to try to undermine the upcoming vote and derail Moldova's path toward EU membership.

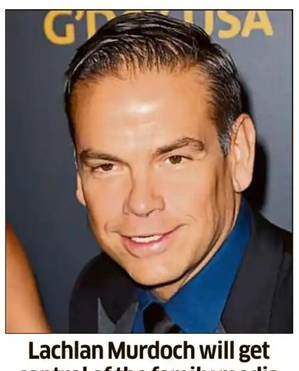
# Murdochs reach deal in succession battle over media empire

NEW YORK CITY, REUTERS

The Murdoch family has reached a deal that will see Rupert Murdoch's politically conservative eldest son Lachlan Murdoch cement control of the family media empire that includes Fox News and the Wall Street Journal.

The agreement, announced on Monday, ends a family brawl over who will control one of the highest-profile global media groups and puts to rest questions of succession within the Murdoch family after its patriarch's death.

The drama is considered to be one of the inspirations for the television series "Succession," about the infighting of the members of a media dynasty. Its real-life resolution preserves the conservative tilt of Murdoch's media outlets.


Lachlan Murdoch will get control of the family media empire including Fox News. AFP FILE

Under the deal, Rupert's children James Murdoch, Elisabeth Murdoch and Prudence MacLeod will receive cash from the sale of about 16.9 million shares of Fox Class B voting stock and about 14.2 million shares of News Corp's Class B common stock. The amount of the payment was not disclosed.

One source said each of the children is expected to receive about $1.1 billion in proceeds.

They agreed to sell their personal holdings in Fox and News Corp over a period of six months, according to the announcement.

A new family trust will be created to benefit Lachlan Murdoch, and his younger siblings Grace and Chloe Murdoch, who are Rupert's children from his marriage to Wendi Deng Murdoch.

This trust, worth about $3.3 billion according to the source, will hold 36% of Fox's Class B common stock and 33% of News Corp's Class B shares, the companies' statements said.

## Russian glide bomb kills 21 in Ukraine

**KYIV, AP/PTI:** A Russian glide bomb struck a village in eastern Ukraine as people lined up outside to receive their pensions on Tuesday, killing at least 21 and wounding nearly two dozen others, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said.

The bomb hit the village of Yarova in the Donetsk region, Zelenskyy said in a post on Telegram, in the latest Russian attack to kill civilians.

More than 12,000 Ukrainian civilians have been killed in the three-year war, the United Nations says. "Frankly brutal," Zelenskyy said, urging the international community to make Russia pay economically for its full-scale invasion through additional sanctions.

"The world should not remain silent," Zelenskyy said.

# Macron names defence minister Lecornu as PM

PARIS, REUTERS

French President Emmanuel Macron named loyalist Sebastien Lecornu, a one-time conservative protege who rallied behind his 2017 presidential run, as prime minister on Tuesday, defying expectations he might tack towards the left.

The choice of Lecornu, 39, indicates Macron's determination to press on with a minority government that stands firmly behind his pro-business economic reform agenda, under which taxes on business and the wealthy have been cut and the retirement age raised.

Macron was forced to appoint a fifth prime minister in less than two years after parliament ousted Francois Bayrou nine months into the role over his plans for taming the country's ballooning debt.

In handing the job to Lecornu, Macron risks alienating the centre-left Socialist Party and leaves the president and his government depending on Marine Le Pen's far-right National Rally for support in parliament.

Lecornu's immediate priority will be to forge a consensus on a budget for 2026, a task that proved the undoing of Bayrou, who had pushed for aggressive spending cuts to rein in a deficit standing at nearly double the EU ceiling of 3% of GDP.

The political upheaval this week lays bare deepening turmoil in France that is weakening the euro zone's second-biggest economy as it sinks deeper into a debt quagmire. Lecornu's nomination is not without peril for Macron. He risks appearing tone-deaf at a time of simmering popular discontent and with polls showing voters want change. Nationwide "Block Everything" protests threaten widespread disruption on Wednesday.

Lecornu most recently served as Macron's defence minister, overseeing an increase in defence spending and helping shape European thinking on security guarantees for Ukraine in the event a peace deal with Russia is brokered.


**JHARIA REHABILITATION AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, DHANBAD**

**e-Procurement Notice**
**Tender Reference No: JRDA/CIVIL/ 25-26/14/613 Dated: 01.09.2025**

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| 1. | Name of Work | **Strengthning of Road and laying paver Blocks at Phase-2 & Phase-3 at Belgaria, Dhanbad.** |
| 2. | Estimated Cost | Rs. 2,35,10,640.00 |
| 3. | EMD | Rs. 4,70,000.00 |
| 4. | Tender Document Cost | Rs. 10,000.00 |
| 5. | Time of Completion | 04 months |
| 6. | Date/Time from which bid is available for online bidding | 10.09.2025 at 03:00 PM |
| 7. | Last Date/Time for on-line submission of bids | 24.09.2025 at 5:00 PM |
| 8. | Date and Time of Bid Opening | 26.09.2025 at 11:30 AM |
| 9. | Name and Address of Officer inviting tender | Head of Department (Civil), JRDA, Dhanbad Hatia More, Golf Ground Road, Hirapur,Dhanbad -826001 Jharkhand, India Email: infojrda.dhn@gmail.com |

Note : 1. Only e-tenders will be accepted.
2. Further details can be seen on website – https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in

Sd/-
(Rajesh Kumar)
Head of Department/Manager (Civil), JRDA, Dhanbad

PR 361426 (District)25-26*D



**HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTENT**
**ENGINEERING WING**
Office of the Chief Engineer, Arogya Soudha, 3rd floor, Leprosy Hospital Premises, 1st Cross, Magadi Road, Bengalur-560 023, Telephone No. 080-29557023 E-mail:cekhsdrp@gmail.com

No:HFWD/EW/CE/TA-2/AE-1&8/TND/15th Finance/2025-26/1932 Date: 09.09.2025

**SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION**

The Chief Engineer, HFWD, Engineering Wing, Bengaluru invites Short-Term tender from eligible contractors registered in KPWD in two tender document system in KPP Protal for **15th Finance** Works- approximate total project cost is **Rs. 4902.30 lakhs, Refer KPP Portal for further details.**

**Calendar of Events: (1)** Last date for receipt of tenders: **24.09.2025 up to 16.00 hrs. (2)** Date of Opening of Tenders (Technical Bids): **25.09.2025 at 16.01 hrs**.

The tender details can be downloaded from the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Platform **(www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in).** Tenders shall be submitted electronically at **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** and Tender Processing Fee shall also be paid electronically. Interested eligible contractors shall register on the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Platform to participate in this tender.

**NOTE: (1)** All the rights are reserved by the undersigned for postponement or cancellation of entire tender process, rejection of bids / individual bid etc., without assigning any reason. **(2)** Hence forth, any changes in the schedule/contents will not be published through newspapers and further changes will be updated only on e-procurement portal.

**Sd/- Chief Engineer, HFWD, Engineering Wing, Bengaluru.**



**EASTERN RAILWAY**

**Notice inviting e-Auction for Leasing of Parcel Space of SLRs**

Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Eastern Railway, Howrah, 4th floor, Yatri Niwas, near Howrah Station, Howrah-711101 invites e-Auction for leasing of parcel space of 19 Nos. of SLR compartments of 18 passenger carrying trains and RTVP in train no. 13033/34 originating from Howrah Division for two years through e-Auction module of IREPS website. Auction catalogue containing detailed terms and conditions are available at **www.ireps.gov.in**. The bidding for the instant e-Auction is to be submitted through e-Auction module on **www.ireps.gov.in**. For participation in e-Auction process, one time Registration of merchants through e-Auction module in website **www.ireps.gov.in** is mandatory. Merchants are also required to take digital signature of Class-III. **Auction Catalogue No.**: PCL-HWH-25-9D, **Compartment:** 19 Nos. of SLR compartments of 18 passenger carrying trains and RTVP in train No. 13033/34. **Auction Start Date & Time:** 22.09.2025 at 13:00 hrs.

HWH-284/2025-26

Tender Notices are also available at websites : www.er.indianrailways.gov.in/www.ireps.gov.in

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**SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY**

**Corrigendum No. 3 for E-Tender Notice No. Auto_Sig_CSDR-PKD Dated : 11-08-2025**

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following work:

| Item of work | Approx. Value |
|---|---|
| Corrigendum No. 3, Documents added for Beneficiary and Address for physical submission of BG, for the work of Provision of Automatic Signalling between Channasandra - Penukonda Section of Bengaluru Division (Details already uploaded in website) | Rs. 1,39,40,69,610.88 |

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 22-09-2025**

**For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in**

**Deputy Chief Signal & Telecom Engineer Construction / Bengaluru Contonment**

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**S. E. RAILWAY – TENDER**

Sr. DEE/TRD, South Eastern Railway, Chakradharpur acting for & on behalf of the President of India invites e-Tenders as mentioned below. Tenders are due to open on **29.09.2025 at 15.30 hrs**. The Manual offers are not allowed against these tenders and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. **Sl.No.**-1. **Tender Notice No.: CKP-D-659-Manning-Depot, Date: 08.09.2025. Name of the work:** Manning/ Upkeep of non-core traction assets of different OHE/PSI depots (17 nos.) including manning of Tower wagons/Cars of Chakradharpur Division for two years. **Tender Value:** ₹ 2,57,53,903.68. **Earnest Money Deposit:** ₹ 2,78,800. **Completion Period:** 24 months. **Sl.No.**-2. **Tender Notice No.: CKP-D-656-Operation-TSS, Date: 08.09.2025. Name of the work:** Manning/Outsourcing for operations of Railway owned traction sub stations (21 nos.) at Manikui, Kendposi, Bara Jamda, Banspani, Goilkera, Chakradharpur, Salga Jhari, Rajkharsawan, Bhalulata, Bamra, Rajgangpur, Chandiposi, Nuagaon, Chaibasa, Kechobahal, RSP (Rourkela), Garpos, Dhutra, Manoharpur, Rairangpur and Bimalgarh of Chakradharpur Division for two years. **Tender Value:** ₹ 4,12,89,685.92. **Earnest Money Deposit:** ₹ 3,56,500. **Completion Period:** 24 months. **Sl.No.**-3. **Tender Notice No.: CKP-D-675-PSJ-Yard, Date: 08.09.2025. Name of the work:** OHE/PSI works in connection with construction of additional loading/unloading line with related modification at Patasahi yard in Chakradharpur Division. **Tender Value:** ₹ 2,24,10,899.48. **Earnest Money Deposit:** ₹ 2,62,100. **Completion Period:** 12 months. **Place of opening of e-tender:** Sr.DEE/TRD/South Eastern Railway (for 1 to 3 each). **Date and time of closing of tender:** 15.00 hrs. of 29.09.2025 (for 1 to 3 each). **Date and time of opening of tender:** 15.30 hrs. of 29.09.2025 (for 1 to 3 each). E-tender can be viewed at website **http://www.ireps.gov.in.** The tenderer/ bidders must have Class-III Digital Signature Certificate & must be registered on IREPS Portal. Only registered tenderer/bidders can participate on E-Tendering. All relevant paper must be uploaded at the time of participating in E-tendering. **(PR-606)**



**SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY**

**OPEN TENDER NOTICE NO. 19/SBC/25 of 28-08-2025**

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following works:

| Sl. | Description of work | Approx Value |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | **Senior Divisional Engineer/East/Bengaluru Section : Sub Work - I**: Quick watering system at Bangarpet (BWT) station. **Sub Work - II**: Sir M Visweshwaraya Terminal (SMVT): Proposed installation of water meters in watering lines of SMVT station. Maintenance period is 6 months. | Rs. 1,85,25,287/- |
| 2 | **Bengaluru-Jolarpettai section: Sub Work - I:** Replacement of steel girder with PSC slab of Bridge No. 683 at km 246/100-200 (Exg. Span 2x12.20 up and down) in Assistant Divisional Engineer/Bangarpet Subdivision. **Sub Work - II**: Replacement of steel girders with PSC Slabs (1x11.52m) for Bridge No. 838/B UP and Down line at km. 347/500-600 between Bengaluru East (BNCE) - Byappanahalli (BYPL) stations. Maintenance period is 6 months or one monsoon period whichever is later. | Rs. 2,18,10,489/- |
| 3 | **Bengaluru-Jolarpettai section: Sub Work - I:** Increasing sleeper density from 1310 to 1540 for a length of 8.042 kms in SBC yard Road No. 5, 6, 7, 14, 15 and 16 in SSE/P.Way/Bengaluru section. **Sub Work - II**: Bengaluru - Jolarpettai section: Through Rail Renewal (P) of existing 60 kg rails with 60kg/110 UTS class I rails for a length of 1.7km from 303/200-304/900 on Down line. **Sub Work - III**: Bengaluru -Jolarpettai section: Through fitting renewal (TFR) for a length of 15kms from 311/500-296/500 on Down line in SSE/P.Way/Kolar section. | Rs. 1,41,62,524/- |
| 4 | **KSR Bengaluru** - Repairs to roof leakage of Type - IV and Type-II quarters (Q. No. 178, 194, 196, 197, 199, 201, 202, 203, 204, 207, 209, 210 and 242 Blocks) by providing trapezoidal sheet at Bengaluru. Maintenance period is 6 months or one monsoon period whichever is later. | Rs. 82,01,605/- |
| 5 | **Bengaluru - Mysuru section: Sub Work - I**: Through fitting renewal (TFR) for a length of 27.15kms from km 43/600-65/390, 91/760-93/570 and 99/650-101/200 (Down line) and 43/600-45/210, 54/610-55/000 (up line). **Sub Work - II**: Bengaluru - Mysuru section: Through Turnout Renewal (TTR) of existing 52kg curved switch and CMS crossing with 60kg curved switch and CMS crossing - Total 10 sets (1 in 8.5) at Nayandahalli, Kengeri and Hejjala yards. **Sub Work - III**: Bengaluru - Mysuru section: Through Turnout Renewal (TTR) of existing 52kg curved switch and CMS crossing with 60kg curved switch and CMS crossing - Total 09 sets (1 in 12) at Ramanagaram, Channapatna, Maddur and Mandya yards. | Rs. 91,63,857/- |

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 15:00 Hrs. on 24-09-2025**

**For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in**

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**JHARKHAND URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LIMITED**
**(Govt. of Jharkhand Undertaking)**
**JUIDCO Bhawan, Kutchery Road, Ranchi-834001, Jharkhand.**
**Ph No.: +91-651-2225878, CIN: U45200JH2013SGC001752, e-mail Id-juidcolimited@gmail.com**

NIT No.: JUIDCO/Roundabout/ Sahjanand/4081/662 Date- 09.09.2025

**e-Procurement (Tender Notice)**

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|---|---|---|
| 1 | Name of Work | Development of Roundabout of Sahjanand Chowk Hardscape & Softscape work |
| 2 | Mode of Bid Submission | e-tendering (http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in) |
| 3 | Estimated Cost (Rs.) | Rs. 3,96,04,560.00 /- (Rupees Three Crore Ninety Six Lakhs, Four Thousand, Five Hundred and Sixty) only. |
| 4 | Time of Completion | 11 Months (Including Monsoon & Mobilization Period) |
| 5 | Tender Fee and Bid Security to be submitted online | Tender document fee: Rs 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand) only **Non-Refundable.** Bid Security: Rs 3,97,000.00/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Ninety-Seven Thousand) only |
| 6 | Date/Time of Publication of Tender on Website | 10.09.2025 at 15:00 Hrs. |
| 7 | Last Date/Time of Bid Submission | 08.10.2025 at 17:00 Hrs. |
| 8 | Date/Time of opening of Bid | 09.10.2025 at 17:00 Hrs. |
| 9 | Bid Submission Address | Jharkhand Urban Infrastructure Development Company Limited, JUIDCO Bhawan, Kutchery Chowk, Ranchi, Jharkhand- 834001 |
| 10 | Helpline Number of e-procurement Cell | 0651-2225878 |

Further details can be seen on website http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in

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Sd/-
Project Director (Technical)
JUIDCO Ltd, Ranchi



**GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA**
**ZILLA PANCHAYATH, KOPPAL**
**THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER RURAL DRINKING WATER & SANITATION DIVISION, KOPPAL**

NO.RWS/Dn/KPL/kkrdb/2025-26/604 Date : 09-09-2025

**KPPP NOTIFICATION**
**Double Cover System**

On Behalf of Governor of Karnataka, Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Koppal Invites e-Tender for KKRDB Work The eligible bidders are requested to submit the Bid in Double Cover System through kppp portol mode through portol **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

**General Information : (1)** Contractor should submit the Tender Bid Documents through Online Only. **(2)** All Documents Should be Scanned and Upload during the period of Applying Tender through Online Only. **(3)** EMD Amount Should be Submitted Through Online Only **(4)** Two Cover Tender Called.

If any More Information Contractor should Contact this office or wide email id:eerwsskpl@gmail.com in Office Hours and Tenders will be Download from **09/09/2025**

**Tender Processing Fee As Per KPPP Portol : (1)** Tender Downloading Date : **09/09/2025 10:00 AM to 23/09/2025 16:00** Hours **(2)** Tender receiving Date and Time : **09/09/2025 10:00 AM to 23/09/2025 16:00** Hours **(3)** Technical Bid Opening Date and Time : **24/09/2025 16:30** Hours **(4)** Financial Bid Opening after approval of the technical bid from the Competent Authority **26/09/2025 11:00 AM** or After Obtaining the Technical Bid Approval from the Competent Authority.

The Contractors should produce the Original Documents within 8 days from the open of the tender. If failed such Contractor candidature will not be considered.

**Sd/- Executive Engineer**
**R.D.W & S .Division, Koppal**

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**नोटिश बनाम** :— 6. मो० साकिब जावेद वल्द मो० शाहदर अली, निवासी 132/2 हारुण नगर, सेक्टर—2, फूलवारी शरीफ, पटना।

7. मो० नकीउद्दीन अहमद, वल्द बदीउद्दीन अहमद, निवासी 17 /1, द्वितीय तल, प्रथम अमैन रोड, हिब्बल, बिंज, मिल रोड, गंगानगर एक्सटेंशन, नियर गोल्ड ग्रेट अपार्टमेंट, बैंगलोर, नार्थ बैंगलोर, कर्नाटक—560032

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**सिविल जज (सी०डी०)—VIII, पटना**

# SAT seeks Sebi reply on Jane Street plea

## Tribunal to hear arguments in the case on November 18

BLOOMBERG

The Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT) directed the country's securities regulator to respond to allegations made by Jane Street Group LLC that it withheld documents that are crucial to the US trading giant's defense in a market manipulation case.

SAT on Tuesday asked the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) to reply within three weeks to Jane Street's claims. A lawyer for the regulator claimed that no further documents beyond those already given to Jane Street need to be shared, since the probe is still underway.

The tribunal said it will hear arguments in the case on November 18. The regulator told the court that the US firm will be allowed to respond to the July 3 interim order — accusing Jane Street of manipulating a bank-stock index to benefit its options bets — after the next hearing.

The deferral extends a closely watched legal battle in global finance, pitting one of Wall Street's most successful trading firms against the regulator of the world's largest exchange-traded derivatives market. For Sebi, Jane Street's pending response likely hurts progress in completing the investigation and issuing an order to confirm its initial findings.

"Sebi's investigation won't be impacted but its confirmatory order will get delayed," said Akshaya Bhansali, managing partner at Mindspright Legal.

Jane Street is seeking access to emails between the regulator and the National Stock Exchange of India Ltd. related to the investigation, but Sebi has denied the request on grounds

the exchanges were inter-regulator communications, court documents reviewed by Bloomberg show.

The New York-based firm also wants a copy of email exchanges between Sebi member Ananth Narayan and a Dubai-based hedge fund trader Mayank Bansal, who is widely reported to have alerted the market watchdog about Jane Street's trades.

Sebi, represented by Vidhii Partners, argued that the investigation is at a critical stage and it would not share documents that it has not relied on or that are relevant to the probe. The regulator claimed in the court that it has shared 10 gigabytes of data and documents with the trading firm.

Jane Street, which has already deposited Rs 4,840 crore in what Sebi described as illegal gains to comply with the regulator's directives, said it is not appealing against the initial order but making a plea to have a full and fair access to documents.

"SAT will need to decide the relevant documents that can be shared with Jane Street while Sebi's investigation is going on," Mindspright's Bhansali said.

The firm has also argued that the regulator's surveillance department had already reviewed its trading activity and in December found no evidence of manipulation. The NSE reached similar findings a month prior.

India's derivatives market has become a hotspot for global high-speed trading firms after volumes soared in the years following the pandemic thanks to an influx of millions of new individual traders. Retail traders lost about $12 billion dabbling in futures and options in fiscal 2025, a Sebi report showed earlier this year, mainly to sophisticated trading firms.

## Hitachi to set up development centre in Hubballi-Dharwad

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** Japan's manufacturing giant Hitachi Construction Machinery on Tuesday announced it will establish a global development centre in Hubballi–Dharwad, employing 200 engineers by 2027. It chose Dharwad over competing international locations including Southeast Asia.

M B Patil

Hitachi officials informed the state's visiting delegation led by Industries Minister M B Patil in Tokyo that its Dharwad unit has already become a key export hub for markets in West Asia, Africa, and Southeast Asia.

The delegation reaffirmed the state's investor-friendly ecosystem and presented investment opportunities available under Karnataka's new industrial policy, including special incentives for co-location of R&D and manufacturing.

A key highlight of the roadshow was the meeting with Asahi Kasei, where the company shared its ongoing India strategy. Asahi Kasei Advance, a subsidiary of the group, is setting up an airbag components manufacturing facility in Bengaluru. This investment is aligned with Karnataka's rapidly expanding automotive ecosystem that already hosts leading global and Indian auto majors.

Patil urged Asahi Kasei to consider deeper participation across other sectors such as textiles, electronics, and chemicals where it has global expertise.

During its discussions with Renesas, one of the world's foremost semiconductor firms, the delegation reiterated Karnataka's position as the semiconductor capital of India, with a thriving ecosystem of R&D, design, and electronics manufacturing.

Renesas informed the delegation that its recently expanded R&D facility in Bengaluru has now become the company's largest site in India, housing more than half of its workforce engaged in advanced R&D and embedded performance software. Building on this momentum, the delegation invited Renesas to also explore Mysuru as a potential location for its next R&D unit.

The delegation also met with Yamaha Robotics and invited the company to set up a local manufacturing unit in Bengaluru to better serve its growing local customer base in India, rather than depending solely on imports.

# Trump's 50% tariff on India won't last long: CNH CEO

GYANENDRA KESHRI
NEW DELHI, DHNS

CNH CEO Gerrit Marx with CNH India President Narinder Mittal.

The 50% tariff on Indian products imposed by US President Donald Trump administration is temporary and is likely to be substantially reduced when the two countries finalise a trade deal, Chief Executive Officer of New York Stock Exchange-listed agricultural and construction equipment firm CNH Gerrit Marx said on Tuesday.

"The 50% tariff is not going to stay. If it stays we are going to live in a different world," Marx told reporters at its Greater Noida manufacturing plant.

On CNH's exports to the US from its Indian manufacturing facilities, Marx said the shipments have been paused following the implementation of the 50% tariffs.

CNH exports New Holland tractors and CASE construction equipment from India to the US. Tractors are manufactured at CNH's facilities at Greater Noida and Pune while the company manufactures construction equipment at its Pithampur, Madhya Pradesh, plant.

CNH India President and Managing Director Narinder Mittal said the company exported around 14,000 tractors in 2024, out of which around 30% went to the US. The balance is exported to European and African countries. The total number of tractors produced by CNH in India stood at 51,000 units in 2024, out of this 37,000 was sold locally.

Marx, who joined CNH as CEO in July 2024, said the company bets big on India growth. "Our goal is to increase our share in India's tractor market to double digit in five to six years," he said.

CNH's New Holland brand has around 4-5% share in India's tractor market dominated by Mahindra, TAFE Limited, Sonalika and Escorts Kubota. Annual sale of tractors in India is around 900,000 units.

### New plant coming up

Marx announced that CNH would set up a new manufacturing unit in India to boost its production. The company is in the process of acquiring land for the proposed unit. On the proposed investments and timeline, Marx said it would be disclosed in due course of time.

Marx said the first major decision he took as CEO of the company was to designate India as a standalone region for CNH's global business operation perspective. Earlier CNH used to classify India as part of its Asia-Pacific region.

"India is not an appendage of Asia Pacific. It is a region in itself. We compete here as an Indian player and we are investing here for the long-term," Marx said.

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# Karnataka to add 500 new GCCs by 2029

## They are expected to create 350,000 jobs

BENGALURU, DHNS

Karnataka will add 500 new global capability centres (GCCs) by 2029. These centres will create a combined 350,000 jobs and generate $50 billion in economic output, said Ekroop Caur, Secretary, Department of IT/BT on Tuesday.

Speaking after releasing the report 'Mid-market Global Capability Centres (GCCs) in Karnataka: Leading India's Next Wave of Innovation', she said, "The convergence of policy vision, industry confidence, and talent depth cements Karnataka as the most trusted destination for GCC-led digital transformation."

The findings of the report shows how Karnataka's mid-market GCCs are maturing faster, driving AI-first innovation, and setting global benchmarks, she said.

"This significant presence underscores Karnataka's remarkable depth in engineering R&D capabilities, effectively anchoring over 48% of the global engineering talent within India's mid-market GCCs", she said.

Releasing the report, jointly prepared by Karnataka Digital Economy Mission (KDEM), and consulting firm Zinnov, minister of IT/BT, and Rural Development & Panchayat Raj, Priyank Kharge, said, the global capability centres (GCCs) have emerged as a key driver of economic growth for Karnataka in the last few years. The state has consolidated its hold in the GCC market by hosting 230 mid-market GCCs which employ over 74,000 professionals.

Secretary, Department of IT/ BT, Ekroop Caur.

These GCCs employ 50% of India's AI/ML talent and 38% of the digital workforce. They collectively contribute 48% of all global mid-market GCC engineering talent and 50% of India's product management talent in this segment, the report said.

"Karnataka is witnessing a rapid acceleration in the maturity of these mid-market GCCs, which are growing 1.4 times faster than their larger counterparts. This is fuelled by deep engineering R&D capabilities and a dense concentration of niche digital skills, especially in areas like artificial intelligence and machine learning," Kharge said.

Kharge stressed the need for stronger partnerships between the government, industry and real estate developers. "Bengaluru's growth story rests not on government alone, but on an ecosystem approach to support the rapid growth of Global Capability Centres in Karnataka," he added.

Pari Natarajan, the CEO and co-founder of Zinnov estimated the growth of India's GCC sector attaining a $100 billion by 2030 by leveraging Karnataka's mid-market GCCs through its innovation in AI, cybersecurity, and cloud-native products.

B V Naidu, Chairman, KDEM, said: "Karnataka is not just a hub, it is the backbone of India's global innovation leadership. Hosting nearly half of India's 480+ mid-market GCCs, our state is setting the benchmark for lean, high-impact innovation."

'Beyond Bengaluru' initiative is expanding growth into Mysuru, Mangaluru, Hubballi–Dharwad, and Belagavi, with 15–25% lower costs and attrition rates. The mid-market GCCs are driving AI, Cloud, Cybersecurity, and Analytics innovation. They are building AI Centers of Excellence, owning product charters, and embedding global leadership roles.

## Andhra eyes GCC pie, establishes advisory body to develop ecosystem

**HYDERABAD, DHNS:** Andhra Pradesh has constituted a comprehensive GCC Advisory Council to position itself as a preferred destination for Global Capability Centres (GCCs), tapping into the growing trend of multinational corporations establishing operations in India's tier-2 cities. Even as neighbouring Bengaluru and Hyderabad have already tapped into the sector in the last few years, Andhra Pradesh has now clearly set its sights on it.

The newly formed council brings together chief executives from global corporations, industry bodies like NASSCOM, business councils, consulting leaders, real estate developers, and leading academic institutions. This collaborative approach aims to create a robust GCC ecosystem that can generate employment opportunities and contribute to the state's circular economy.

The advisory council will develop a strategic five-year roadmap focusing on several key areas like, creating a future-ready workforce ecosystem, establishing research and development capabilities, building next-generation facilities and connectivity, streamlining policies and compliance processes, fostering international collaborations and brand positioning and design competitive fiscal packages.

## Gold surges to fresh peak of Rs 1.12 lakh/ 10 g in Delhi

**NEW DELHI, PTI:** Gold prices skyrocketed by Rs 5,080 to hit an all-time high of Rs 1,12,750 per 10 grams in the national capital on Tuesday in line with strong global trends.

The precious metal prices have added Rs 33,800 per 10 grams or nearly 43% in the current calendar year, climbing from Rs 78,950 per 10 grams on December 31, 2024.

According to the All India Sarafa Association, gold of 99.9% purity had closed at Rs 1,07,670 per 10 grams on Monday.

Silver prices also surged by Rs 2,800 to hit a record high of Rs 1,28,800 per kilogram (inclusive of all taxes) on Tuesday. The precious metal had settled at Rs 1,26,000 per kg in the previous market session.

In global markets, gold reached an all-time high of $3,659.27 per ounce on Tuesday. The precious metal later traded at $3,652.72 per ounce, up by $16.81, or 0.46%.

Traders said weak labour market data in the US last week has raised the likelihood of monetary policy easing, which pushed investors towards safe-haven assets such as gold. The dollar's retreat further supported the upward momentum in bullion prices.

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## DriveX Mobility forays into C2C market; launches DriveX Direct

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** DriveX Mobility, a pre-owned two-wheeler brand and a subsidiary of TVS Motor, has announced the launch of DriveX Direct, its new consumer-to-consumer (C2C) platform. The platform went live on Tuesday in 20+ cities in Tamil Nadu and Karnataka and plans to reach other major cities by the end of the year.

DriveX Direct offers verified listings, transparent direct pricing with no platform fees, secure and easy negotiation tools, and access to financing through trusted partners, making it the right choice for customers seeking convenience and flexibility.

Saran Samiappan, Head – DriveX Direct, said, "The launch of DriveX Direct marks a pivotal step in redefining how consumers experience the pre-owned two-wheeler market. By combining AI-driven tools, trusted verification, and end-to-end assistance, we are addressing long-standing gaps in the C2C space."

# India, EU push to close gaps in trade talks as year-end deadline looms

**BRUSSELS/NEW DELHI, REUTERS:** India and the European Union are holding potentially decisive trade negotiations in New Delhi this week, seeking to resolve differences over agriculture, dairy and non-tariff barriers to meet an ambitious end of year deadline for a deal, Indian government and EU sources said.

So far 11 of the 23 chapters under negotiations have been finalised, covering customs, digital trade, intellectual property, competition, subsidies, dispute settlement and anti-fraud measures, the source said.

But sticking points remain. India has ruled out concessions on agriculture and dairy, citing farmers' livelihoods, while the EU is pressing for greater access to India's market for automobiles and alcoholic beverages.

Differences also persist on rules of origin, food safety standards, labour and environmental obligations, and what Brussels views as restrictive Indian quality control orders that act as non-tariff barriers, an EU official said.

India's commerce ministry and the EU office in New Delhi did not immediately respond to email requests for comments.

Brussels is also pressing New Delhi over discounted Russian oil purchases, which EU officials say undermine sanctions against Moscow. While unlikely to dominate the discussions, the issue could cast a pall over the negotiations and result in resistance in the European Parliament, which would have to approve any deal, EU officials said. European Agriculture Commissioner Christophe Hansen and EU trade chief Maros Sefcovic will be in Delhi later this week for discussions with Indian counterparts.

## EU approves 102 more Indian marine units for exports

**NEW DELHI, PTI:** The European Union (EU) has approved 102 additional marine product units from India for exports, making them eligible to supply to the bloc, which is the country's second-largest seafood export destination, an official said on Tuesday.

With this, a total of 604 Indian units are listed by the EU. "The move would help boost India's seafood exports to the EU. It is expected to help increase our seafood exports by about 20%," the official said. In 2023-24, India's seafood exports to the EU stood at $1.1 billion.

The development is also important for diversifying India's shrimp exports, which are hit hard by a steep 50% tariff imposed by the US.

# Century-old landmark undergoes renovation

## The Bible Society building on M G Road had suffered damage from water seepage

RASHMI RAJAGOPAL
TEAM METROLIFE

The renovation work is likely to be completed in December. DH PHOTOS/PUSHKAR V

The Bible Society building on M G Road is undergoing a complete renovation for the first time in its 114-year history. The building defines the skyline of the stretch with its charming stone facade. The foundation stone, which faces the main road, reads 'Erected 1912 AD'.

The renovation is scheduled to be completed by December this year, says Rev Shashikala Alva, auxiliary secretary, Karnataka auxiliary, Bible Society of India (BSI). Though the BSI commenced its work in Karnataka in 1825, the heritage building began functioning as its office only in the mid 1900s, notes Arun Prasad, historian and researcher. In the years before, it was Blighty's tea room, serving British families and the upper classes, according to Ramjee Chandran, historian and author.

### Royal visit

The Society's work is primarily in translating, printing, publishing and distributing Bibles in Kannada and other Indian languages. It is reported that the first Kannada Bible was published in 1860. In the 1960s, it was visited by Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip.

A basic renovation was done in the 1960s but it had not been touched post that. The 4,500-sqft space had deteriorated due to water seepage and stagnation. Some windows and doors were broken and rotten, and the stone walls were coated in dust. "There was vegetation growing from the walls and on the roof. There was a huge bulge in one portion of a wall due to a root growing inside it," Shashikala shares.

Since November 2024, when the renovation began, the dust and grime on the stone walls were chipped and cleaned, the cement pointing was replaced with lime mortar and the walls were chemically treated to arrest plant growth. The roof, which had suffered from improper waterproofing, was relaid with Mangalore tiles and new teakwood rafters. There will be no major design changes and the facade will remain as is. Shashikala and her team hope to turn a part of another hall into a reading room. There are also plans to move the BSI's archives from their office in Trinity Circle to the renovated building, where a museum is likely to be added.

### Modern challenges

Akhila Udayashankar, a conservation architect, shares that the biggest challenge is inserting modern infrastructure into heritage buildings. "One must take care while redoing the plumbing and electricity," she explains, adding, "Air conditioners are out of the question but can be used in some sections. The structure may not be able to take the humidity.".

The style of the building is similar to the B R V theatre on Cubbon Road, which currently functions as the Golden Palm Army Canteen. "The Bible Society building is located in the south west corner of Parade Grounds and the theatre is located on the north west corner. I think they were strategically located on the two corners of the grounds," explains Prasad. The Tudor style building boasts a battlement design with a gable roof and arched windows. "It is among the few remaining buildings with that style of architecture," he adds.

Chandran points out that it came up after the construction of the neighbouring St Mark's Cathedral. "The buildings around the church would cater to the families visiting the church on Sundays. You'd notice that many of the buildings around the area had a similar architectural style. [The Bible Society building] is a heritage throwback to a very definite part of our history and for that reason, it should be preserved," he sums up.

# Helplines flooded with relationship woes

## On World Suicide Prevention Day, a status check on what callers are reaching out to helplines for

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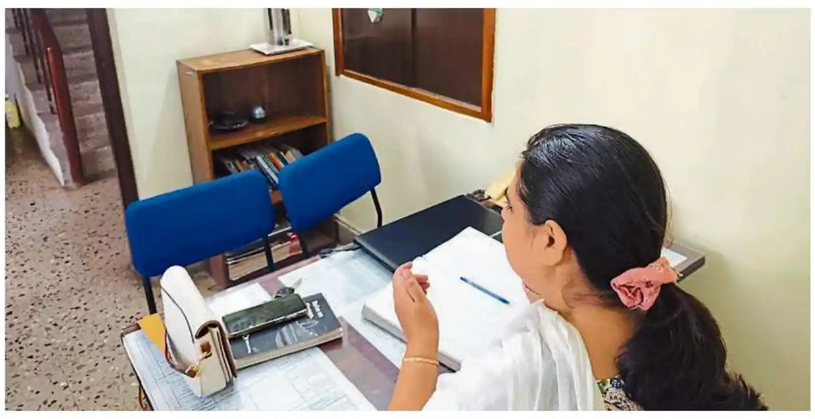

A volunteer with Sahai, a helpline that has been active for 22 years.

The city's suicide helplines continue to be flooded with calls. Relationship problems, academic pressure, and job-related distress are the top concerns. Ahead of September 10, World Suicide Prevention Day, Bengaluru-based helplines talk to *Metrolife* about their work.

### Arpita Foundation

This helpline has handled over 30,000 calls since 2019. It gets an average of 150-200 calls a month, of which 30-35 are from Bengaluru. "Most callers are 13-35 years old. About 60-70% call about relationship problems, 10% about addictions, and 10-20% about academic stress," said Patrick Vaz, supervisor. Concerns range from teenage breakups to marital discord, often tied to unresolved emotional baggage. Staffed by 20-plus volunteers, calls are handled by counsellors who use pseudonyms.

*Call: 080 2365 5557 (9 am to 9 pm, all days)*

### Sahai

Sahai, a helpline run by the Medico Pastoral Association, has been active for 22 years. Between July 2024 and June 2025, it received 718 calls. A majority of the callers were 18-29 years of age.

"On average, we receive over 600 calls a year," said Alphonse Kurian, secretary of the Association. Of last year's calls, about 50 were from those with suicidal thoughts, 240 called about mental health concerns, 111 about relationship issues, and 45 about job-related stress. A few students called about ragging and bullying too, Kurian noted. Financial troubles were also cited as suicide triggers. He added that callers are encouraged to call back, and about a fourth of them return. "Some have been calling weekly for over five years," Kurian added.

*Call: 080 2549 7777 (Monday to Saturday, 10 am to 5.30 pm. Closed on Sundays and public holidays)*

### 24x7 helpline

Cadabam's 24/7 suicide prevention and crisis helpline has handled over 17,000 calls between June and September 2025. Nearly 8,000 of them are suicide-related. Started in 2017, it is run by 10-12 trained mental health professionals. "We receive 4,500-5,000 calls a month. Around 60-70% are suicide-related or distress calls," said Dr Anitha Bharathan, who manages the helpline.

Though callers range from age 13 to 80, most are adolescents and young adults struggling with anxiety, depression, toxic relationships, addiction, and trauma. Counsellors use crisis de-escalation techniques, including deep breathing, and follow up 3-4 times over 10 days after a crisis call, Dr Anitha said.

*Call: 97414 76476 (24x7, all days)*

### Sa-Mudra Yuva Helpline

The helpline, launched in 2008, has been offering free first-response psychological support to students, youth and women. On average, the helpline receives 200-plus calls every month. Callers range from 14- to 60-year-olds, with a majority being students and young professionals.

It operates with a team of three trained mental health professionals. They also call back callers who reach out after hours, on Sundays, or on public holidays, said Bharathi Singh, founder and CEO of the Sa-Mudra Foundation.

The helpline provides two free calls, after which a nominal commitment fee is charged, according to the caller's economical background. "After a high-risk call, our telecallers make it a point to follow up multiple times in the next few days," added Bharathi.

*Call: 98803 96331 (Monday to Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm)*

### Govt-run 24x7 helpline

The Tele-MANAS helpline, run by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, offers free mental health support in over 20 languages.

"Trained counsellors handle calls," said a representative of the toll-free helpline.

Calls are confidential and not recorded. In addition to immediate intervention, follow-up calls are made by the helpline's team within a week or two to check on the caller's wellbeing. "No call goes unanswered, and missed calls are returned," she added.

*Call: 1800 891 4416 (24x7, all days)*

## POPCORN

### Govt reeling

There's turmoil in our Himalayan neighbourhood, and it looks like the Oli government in Nepal has fallen. Accused of corruption in all matters, his government made things worse by banning social media. That brought the crowds out on the streets. Prime Minister Oli fled in a military helicopter while the angry crowds set his house on fire. So what lessons will other governments learn from all this? Stop being corrupt? Naah. The real lesson is to keep social media alive and addictive. That way, governments can do your propaganda and keep the crowds glued to wherever they are. Don't let them step away from their grama, which most likely is Instagrama.

# NGO offers free afterschool classes

## It is teaching music, yoga, karate, art and life skills, alongside regular subjects in rural areas

BARKHA KUMARI
TEAM METROLIFE

A Bengaluru-based NGO is running a free afterschool programme for government school students in Madhugiri in Tumakuru district.

The initiative is led by S Raghavendra Prasad, son of noted Karnatik vocalist A Subba Rao.

Prasad founded Sahabalve in 2016, starting with a 60-day summer camp in Bidar in north Karnataka. "We hired space on a residential campus and invited Class 9 students from a few government schools to stay and learn," he recalls. The programme, modelled on the gurukul system, later evolved into evening and weekend classes. In the following years, it was also held in Mysuru, Kalaburagi, and Tumakuru weekly or once in 10 days.

Last year, the NGO wound up its Bidar operations and opened its own facility in Madhugiri, catering to students from Class 5 and up. Over the years, it has reached more than 3,000 students.

At age 50, Prasad quit his job as deputy general manager at an MNC to promote gurukul-style learning. "As a musician, my father always had students at our home in Jayanagar. My mother cooked for them. It was an inspiring atmosphere for learning," he says.

He says Sahabalve does not compete with government schools but supports them. Alongside science, maths and English, students are taught music, yoga, karate, art, life skills and the 'Bhagavad Gita'. "We say, 'Don't just be a farmer; be a knowledgeable farmer.' That's how we help families and children see the value in what we do."

S Raghavendra Prasad

Prasad claims that within a year of their intervention in Bidar, there was a marked improvement in the students' academic performance. "Girls have become more confident in public speaking. Some students have enrolled in professional courses. Parents now believe their children don't have to settle for odd jobs — they can help develop the village," he adds.

Prasad funds the NGO, and also receives some support from friends and former colleagues.

Government school students in Madhugiri attend evening and weekend classes for activities like art and yoga.

## CITY MIX

### Theatre fest brings plays on society, love

The upcoming Jairangam Theatre Festival will showcase two plays – 'Kankad Moti aur Kinwad' and 'Love Letters – Ninna Preetiya Naanu!'. The first, in Hindi-Marwari, explores themes of society, rituals, and blind faith. The second, in Kannada, traces the journey of two people who remain connected through letters exchanged over decades. The festival will feature a talk and workshop on acting, and a dramatised reading of 'Lal Paan Ki Begum', a satire on gender, tradition, and societal hypocrisy.

*From September 13-14, at The Koramangala Club. Details on @jairangam on Instagram.*

### Exhibition on celestial beings opens Saturday

Celestial beings that accompany and carry gods are the theme of a new exhibition at the Museum of Art & Photography, Kasturba Road. Titled 'Celestial Company', it brings together sculptures, textiles, brass figurines, paintings, chariots, and wooden artefacts, curated by Priya Chauhan. The show draws heavily on Indian mythology, highlighting well-known characters such as Mooshika, Garuda, Nandi, and Makara, while also shining a light on obscure figures like Dhumavati with her crow.

*From September 13 to February 15, 2026. Details on map-india.org*

# Two-day arts festival along metro line

CAITLIN LESTER
TEAM METROLIFE

The festival will open with a performance of the play 'Bye bye bypass'. PIC: RAHIM IBN RASHEED

This weekend, the Namma Metro will serve as the primary mode of transport for the audience of an arts festival which has a focus on public transport.

The Bangalore Linear festival, in its debut year, comprises performances held only at venues accessible via the green metro line, such as the Prestige Centre for Performing Arts, Konanakunte and Bangalore Creative Circus, Yeshwanthpur.

The two-day festival aims to blur the line between urban transit and cultural experience, making movement through the city an integral part of engaging with art.

Some of the performances include the play 'Bye bye bypass', directed by Roshan Mathew; 'The Chinky express comes to town', a contemporary dance performance by Aseng Borangan, and 'Virata Parva', an all-night thogalu gombeyata show, by ninth generation leather puppeteer Gunduraju.

The events are timed to make it possible for festival goers to catch every performance.

Co-director of the festival, Vishruti Bindal, says the carefully chosen acts are diverse and edgy. "They're not big budget acts," she shares, adding, "but we hope the audience trusts our curation skills and risk-taking ability".

Additionally, the majority of the festival's performers are from non-urban areas, Vishruti says. "We want to show that fresh work can exist outside the cities," she explains.

On a practical note, co-director Bharavi says that Bengaluru's traffic is one of the key reasons the city does not have more multi-venue festivals.

He explains that travelling by metro will enable patrons to get to all the events on time and not "be at the mercy of Bengaluru traffic".

*September 13-14. At multiple venues. Tickets online.*

## EVENTS

### Craft exhibition

'La Pudumai', a crafts and textile exhibition by the Crafts Council of Puducherry, will be held at Atta Galatta, 5th Main Road, Indiranagar, from September 12 to 14, 11 am to 7 pm. Entry free. For details, call 96325 10126.

### Classical dance

Nrityangana Institute of Performing Arts will present the second edition of 'Sampradaya – A Festival of Dance Traditions' on September 12, 6 pm, at Seva Sadan, Malleswaram. For details and to book tickets, call 83559 96919.

### Comic night

The Weekday Comedy Show @Brigade Road, will be held at Just BLR Comedy on September 10 and 11, 6 pm, 8 pm and 10 pm, and on September 12, 11 pm. Tickets online.

# Now, an AI robot to process wet waste at home

## Its developers say it can convert peels, greens and meat into a soil-like mix

TINI SARA ANIEN
TEAM METROLIFE

An AI-powered robot that turns wet waste into an odour-free, soil-like mix at home in less than four days has gone viral. It also flags dry or unwanted components in the wet waste mix. Called Chewie, it is developed by Bengaluru-based Mankomb Technologies.

The innovation came to light after Biocon chairperson Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw shared a video about it on social media recently. Bookings for its home model, Chewie Max, opened in May, and all 1,000 units were reserved in less than a week. It is priced at Rs 34,999.

Chewie Max

The team began R&D in 2022. Mrudul Mudotholy, who founded the startup along with Dinesh Babu Sukumar and Jawahar Arumugam, said they were moved by the challenges of waste segregation in Bengaluru. "There is sometimes a risk of missing the garbage collection," he said, citing an example.

### Regenerated soil

The robot is built on the VECA system — vision, environment orchestration, cloud and over-the-air (OTA) updates, in addition to automatic dosing and self-care. "It uses on-device vision to identify inputs — greens, peels, and proteins like meat or bones — and even flags plastics or cutlery. It balances the carbon-to-nitrogen ratio (in the organic matter) and triggers the right enzymes. This is key since improper balance is why public composting units stink from kilometres away," Mudotholy explained.

From left: Anusha G, Jawahar Arumugam, Mrudul Mudotholy, Dinesh Babu Sukumar, Kishan G, and Rushali Mariam Cherian from Mankomb Technologies.

The robot regulates temperature, oxygen, and moisture to keep decomposition odour-free. Cloud and OTA provide insights into users' food habits and help track their carbon impact. The automatic dosing feature anticipates heavy loads, adjusts cycles, clears jams, and self-cleans, requiring no user maintenance.

The output is a soil-like mix and the process can take anywhere from as little as eight hours to just over three days. The mix can be used for gardening. "We call it 'regen soil', short for regenerated soil. Its nutrient profile depends on the type of waste input," he said. It can process up to 120 kg of waste per month. It can fit under a sink or counter, requires a 6-amp power supply, and uses minimal water.

### For apartments, restaurants

The next batch of the home model will open for pre-booking in January 2026. Future versions will include Chewie Z and Chewie Pro. The former is designed for high-rise apartments and is set for a 2027 launch, while the latter is a higher-capacity model for restaurants and cafeterias, expected to roll out in 2028.

*For details, visit mankomb.com/chewie*

# Feisty fighter Pranathi packs giant dreams in her little frame

At just 10, the Mysurean has turned heads in wushu, already winning national and international medals with grit

**ADITYA K HALDER**
BENGALURU, DHNS

Urging a six-year-old girl to compete at the national level may sound insane to many. That too, in a combat sport like wushu, a martial art form that requires wearing gloves and a head guard similar to those used in boxing. However, those who see young Pranathi G in action don't doubt her abilities much.

"She's ready for the Nationals!" That was her coach U Darshan's first thought when he saw the Mysuru girl debut at the Karnataka state championship in 2020. And it wasn't like Darshan, who has won multiple international wushu medals, decided to throw her youngest protege to the deep end. The then-six-year-old Pranathi made it there on merit by winning the required U-12 24kg state championship, defeating an opponent much taller and older than her.

"The way she was spontaneous with her moves, the way she was reacting to her opponent, who was much taller than her, I knew she had natural talent for it. Her parents were not sure, but I eventually managed to convince them," recalled the 28-year-old coach, who — along with Parthipa HS (33) — trains Pranathi (now 10) at her B Prime fitness studio in Mysuru.

When you ask the little Pranathi, isn't she scared of taking on opponents who are often almost as tall as her father, Giridhar SD? She would sweetly answer: "No, sir, my mother (Sangeetha L) told me they too have two hands and two legs like you have, they are not aliens. The thought took my fear away."

Unaware of her abilities and fearless guts, organisers at Wushu Nationals in Ranchi were not convinced to allow little Pranathi to compete. Giridhar & family had to be content with a nominal participation certificate, but the perception of the officials changed next season when she again made it back to the Nationals with another state title.

Justifying her spot, Pranathi won three of her five bouts to bag the bronze medal at her Nationals debut, making her the youngest Indian wushu athlete (at 7) to win a medal at the level. This was only the start for Pranathi as she changed the colour of her medal to silver in the subsequent participation and soon followed her first international medal: A gold by defeating a higher-class rival at the Batumi Open International Wushu Tournament in Georgia last month. Turns out her dreams are only getting bigger.

"My dream is to make wushu a household name in India and take it to the Olympics (Wushu is an Asian Games event). I know I have to work really hard to achieve that. But I believe I can achieve that because I treat the game like my mother, I take care of it, and in return, it takes care of me," said Pranathi before concluding.

*For feedback, email to dhsports@deccanherald.co.in*

**FACT FILE**

**Pranathi G** Age: 10

**ACHIEVEMENTS**

- First international medal (gold) at the Batumi Wushu Tournament in 2025.
- Entered the Limca Book of Records as India's youngest medallist (bronze) in the National Wushu Championships in 2024 (at 7).
- Five gold medals and a silver in the U-12 category in the State wushu championship since 2020.
- Gold medal at Asmita Wushu League 2025-26 in Mangalore, subsequently getting qualified for Khelo India National Wushu Championship.
- Hoysala & Keladi Chennamma Award by the Government of Karnataka in 2024
- Saalumarada Thimmakka National Greenery Bal Puraskar Award 2024 by the State government in 2024.

**FOOTBALL WORLD CUP QUALIFIERS**

# Tonali saves Italy the blushes

## Tunisia qualify for the World Cup; Kosovo stun Sweden

PARIS, AGENCIES

Sandro Tonali's last-gasp winner edged Italy to a 5-4 victory over Israel in 2026 World Cup qualifying on Monday, while Kosovo beat Sweden despite Alexander Isak making his first appearance of the season.

After collapsing from leading 4-2 in the final two minutes to drawing 4-4, Tonali's 91st-minute strike in the Hungarian city of Debrecen sent Italy above Israel and into the play-off spot in Group I.

New coach Gennaro Gattuso's side trail leaders Norway by three points and still have a chance of taking first place and the group's sole direct qualifying spot as they seek to avoid missing out on a third-consecutive World Cup finals appearance.

Israel, whose players donned black armbands in honour of the victims of Monday's deadly shooting at a bus stop in east Jerusalem carried out by Palestinian gunmen, took an early lead through an own-goal.

Moise Kean wiped out the nominal hosts' lead on two occasions before Italy went 4-2 ahead on 81 minutes.

A second Dor Peretz strike in the 88th minute and a clumsy Alessandro Bastoni own-goal two minutes later made it appear the four-time world champions were on course for a disastrous result.

But Tonali's speculative effort went through a sea of legs and into the net to spark wild celebrations as the topsy-turvy encounter held one last surprise.

Israel have played their 'home' matches in Hungary since the country's offensive in Gaza in retaliation for Hamas's October 7, 2023 attack on Israel.

Sweden's slow start to their qualifying campaign continued into matchday two as they went down 2-0 to Kosovo in Pristina.

The Swedes now sit on just one point after a last-gasp equaliser by Slovenia condemned them to a 2-2 draw on Friday.

Goals in the first half by Elvis Rexhbecaj and Vedat Muriqi were enough to give Kosovo just their second-ever win in World Cup qualifying.

Kosovan captain Muriqi then doubled the lead three minutes before the interval with a powerful strike from the edge of the box.

Premier League record signing Isak was sent on from the bench to try and salvage something for the Swedes inside the final 20 minutes.

The Liverpool star had a chance to halve the deficit on 85 minutes but was stoutly denied by 'keeper Arijanet Muric as Kosovo moved second in Group B despite finishing with 10 men.

Sandro Tonali (right) celebrates after scoring Italy's winner against Israel in the World Cup qualifiers in Debrecen, Hungary. AFP

### Tunisia make cut

Mohamed Ali Ben Romdhane sent Tunisia to the World Cup with a goal in the fourth minute of injury time that secured a 1-0 win over Equatorial Guinea on Monday in qualifying.

Romdhane was teed up by fellow substitute Firas Chaouat and sparked wild celebrations for the visitors on the track behind the goal.

Tunisia needed a win to secure a spot at next year's tournament in North America with two games to spare. It tops Group H with 22 points from eight games, 10 points ahead of second-placed Namibia, which has a game in hand. Tunisia has yet to concede a goal in qualifying.

**Results: Europe: Group B:** Switzerland: 3 (Elvedi 18th, Embolo 33rd, Ndoye 38th) bt Slovenia: 0; Kosovo: 2 (Rexhbecaj 26th, Muriqi 42nd) bt Sweden: 0.
**Group C:** Greece: 0 lt to Denmark: 3 (Damsgaard 32nd, Christensen 62nd, Hojlund 81st); Belarus: 0 lt to Scotland: 2 (Adams 43rd, Volkov 65 og).
**Group I:** Israel: 4 (Locatelli 16 og, Dor Peretz 52nd, 89th, Bastoni 87 og) lt to Italy: 5 (Kean 40th, 54th, Politano 58th, Raspadori 81st, Tonali 90+1).
**Group L:** Gibraltar: 0 lt Faroe Islands: 1 (Agnarsson 68th); Croatia: 4 (Jakic 35th, Kramaric 51st, Kuc 85 og, Perisic 90+2) bt Montenegro: 0.
**Africa: Group A:** Guinea-Bissau: 2 (Imbene 54th, Cande 82nd) bt Djibouti: 0.
**Group D:** Libya: 2 (Issa 8th, El Maremi 19th) bt Eswatini: 0.
**Group E:** Zambia: 0 lt to Morocco: 2 (En Nesyri 7th, Igamane 47th).
**Group G:** Mozambique: 2 (Witi 6th, Bangal 71st) bt Botswana: 0; Uganda: 2 (Okello 6th, Ssemugabi 39th) bt Somalia: 0; Guinea: 0 drew with Algeria: 0.
**Group H:** Equatorial Guinea: 0 lt to Tunisia: 1 (Ben Romdhane 90+4); Malawi: 2 (Mhango 72nd, Kaonga 80th) drew with Liberia: 2 (Kosiah 3rd, 62nd).
**Group I:** Madagascar: 3 (Caddy 52nd, Raveloson 69th, Abdallah 90+3) bt Chad: 1 (Allarabaye 25th); Ghana: 1 (Djiku 49th) bt Mali: 0.

# Nikhat, Minakshi in quarters

LIVERPOOL, PTI

Two-time world champion Nikhat Zareen survived a gritty contest while Minakshi impressed on her maiden appearance as both Indian boxers stormed into the quarterfinals of the World Boxing Championships on Tuesday.

Competing in her first international tournament since the Paris Olympics, Nikhat endured a scrappy women's 51kg round of 16 contest to secure a unanimous decision against Japan's Yuna Nishinaka.

Minakshi, who received a first-round bye, began her campaign with a commanding 5-0 win against China's Wang Qiuping in the 48kg event, which is a non-Olympic category.

Nikhat Zareen

Indian men's challenge, however, continued to falter. Lakshya Chahar (80kg) became the seventh male pugilist to exit the competition, losing his round-of-16 bout 0-3 to France's Yojerlin Cesar.

This followed Monday's triple blow when Sumit Kundu (75kg), Sachin Siwach (60kg) and Asian Games bronze medallist Narender Berwal (90+kg) all bowed out in the pre-quarterfinals.

Though the scoreline suggested a comfortable win, the 21-year-old Japanese provided stiff resistance to the seasoned Indian who prevailed in the end.

India, however, endured a setback late Monday with Sumit Kundu (75kg), Sachin Siwach (60kg) and Asian Games bronze medallist Narender Berwal (90+kg) bowing out in the pre-quarterfinals.

# Women's recurve team advances; compound archers fall short

**GWANGJU, PTI:** The women's recurve team of Deepika Kumari **(in pic)**, teenager Gatha Khadake and Ankita Bhakat entered the bronze medal playoffs at the World Archery Championships here on Tuesday but the men made a shocking first-round exit and the compound archers failed to add more to their tally of two medals.

The third-seeded Indian trio secured back-to-back wins before losing to Japan 2-6 in the semifinals. India will now face South Korea for the bronze, aiming for their first women's team medal at the World Championships since 2015.

So far, India have won two medals, both in the compound section -- a first ever men's team gold and a mixed team silver for Rishabh Yadav and Jyothi Surekha Vennam.

Four-time Olympian Deepika led the women's charge in the recurve competition, finishing sixth in qualification with 677 points.

# Shirse's visa for Tokyo Worlds delayed

**NEW DELHI, PTI:** Sprint hurdler Tejas Shirse **(in pic)** is yet to receive his visa for the World Championships in Tokyo starting Saturday, with the Athletics Federation of India (AFI) attributing the delay to his decision to apply independently rather than through the national body.

The AFI added that it has got involved in the matter and Shirse should get his visa within the next 24 hours.

National record holder Shirse will compete in the men's 110m hurdles in his debut World Championships as he made the cut after the withdrawal of athletes from other countries who qualified for the showpiece through world ranking.

"Still waiting to get on a flight to Tokyo with unexpected visa delays," the 23-year-old wrote on his social media handle on Tuesday.

An AFI official said Shirse, whose national record stands at 13.41 seconds, had applied his visa in Mumbai and not through the national federation.

India is being represented by 19 athletes in the World Championships.

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**Tender Notification**

**(Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Full termTender Notification)**

Tenders are invited from qualified CivilContractors/Agencies registered with Public Works Department City Municipal Council Hiriyurunder Amruth-2.0 Grantsand 15th Finance grants under the Karnataka Transparency Act 2000 on behalf of the Governor of the State of Karnataka. Apply online through Karnataka Public Procurement website http://kppp.karantaka.gov.in.

| Details of Works | Estimated Cost (Rs. In Lakhs) | EMD (In Rs.) | Last Date to submit Tender (Evening 5 o'Clock) | Opening of Tenders (Evening 5:15) |
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| DMA/2025-26/OW/W_INDENT45308/CALL-2 | 69.46 | 1,17,720.00 | 18/09/2025 | 19/09/2025 |
| DMA/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT48979 | 10.33 | 21786.00 | 22/09/2025 | 23/09/2025 |

For further details the Engineers in the Municipal Technical Department may be contacted
DIPR/CTA/KSMCA/363/2025-26 **Sd/- Municipal Commissioner, CMC, Hiriyuru.**

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**ABSTRACT BID NOTIFICATION**

**(Two Cover System) (Through KPP Portal only)**

**1) Tender No. KPCL/2025-26/PSWORK_INDENT3382 Dated: 01.09.2025** Runner blade repair work of Unit-2 and Unit-3 of Kodasalli Power House and Inner Top Cover repair work of Unit No. 3 of Kodasalli Powe House. **EMD: Rs.62,305/-. Period of completion:** 25 days from date of handing over of site for each unit each work. Last date and time for submission of tenders: **27.09.2025, 16.30 Hrs.**

**2) KPCL/2025-26/PS/WORK_INDENT3357 Dated: 28.08.2025** Repair/reconditioning of Turbine Guide Bearing and its housing of Unit-3 at Kodasalli PH. **EMD: Rs.24,625/-. Period of completion:** 15 days from date of handing over. Last date and time for submission of tender: **16.09.2025, 16.00 Hrs.**

**3) KPCL/2025-26/PS/WORK_INDENT3360 Dated: 01.09.2025** Supply, installation, programming, Commissioning and testing of License free Repeater and relay type Walkie Talkies along with Booster and relay module for Operation and Maintenance works at Kodasalli PH. **EMD: Rs.5,560/-. Period of completion:** 60 days from date of handing over. Last date and time for submission of tender: **20.09.2025, 16.30 Hrs.**

The details of tender documents may be downloaded from GoK e-proc. website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** Further details can be obtained from **Executive Engineer (O&M) Kodasalli,** KPCL, Kadra-581396, Tq. Karwar, U.K. Dist. Karnataka. Ph: 08382-256344. E-mail: kslyee3kpcl@gmail.com/eeomkodasallikpcl@karnataka.gov.in

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No:BMICAPA/CLU-03/47/2025-26/896 Date: 09.09.2025

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**[UNDER SEC 14(A) OF KTCP ACT, 1961]**

**Mr. M.Raviprashanth S/o Muni Krishna, Smt Sunitha W/o M. Raviprashanth S/o A.Ganapathi, Sri K.A. Antony S/o K.M. Augustine and Smt. Hannah Sebastian W/o K.A. Joseph Robin** have applied to this Authority seeking Change of land use from **"Agriculture" Zone to "Commercial"** purpose pertaining to Sy.No:126/3 extent of 00 Acre-29½Guntas, Sy.No:127/2 extent of 00Acre-12Guntas and Sy.No:127/3 extent of 00 Acre-07Guntas totally measuring 01Acre-08½Guntas of Mahadevapura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Srirangapatna Taluk, Mandya District under Sec 14(A) of KTCP Act 1961. The foresaid lands are reserved for **Agriculture** in approved Master plan. Applicant has stated that the change of land use sought is in the interest of public by quoting the following;

**1)** During the development works of the layout there will be opportunity of employment for labourers.
**2)** Surrounding areas will be developed by developing the Commercial developments in the above said land.
**3)** By the development of Commercial areas the Government will get the revenue in the form of various taxes

Objections, if any, are invited from the public, any person may file his/her objection to Member Secretary, BMICAPA, Bengaluru in writing to the above address mentioned in this publication within 15 days from this notice. Any objections received after stipulated time will not be considered.

**Sd/- Member Secretary, BMICAPA, Bangalore.**
DIPR/CP/JA/2708/2025-26

**District Urban Development Cell, Vijayanagara District, Hospete-583201**
No: DUDCV/SFC Sp Grant/Tender Notification/Hospete/2025-26 Date: 06.09.2025

**TENDER NOTIFICATION**

The Project Director, DUDC, Office Vijayanagara District Invites tenders in two cover system using standard tender documents from Eligible contractors for the Various Development of Works in Hosapete CMC Limits under SFC Special Grant as below.

**Name of Work:** 01.Improvement of Road from Valmikki Circle to APMC Circle in Hosapete City.(DMA/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT48549). **Amount put to Tender(in Lakhs):** 189.68. **EMD (in Rs):** 284600.00. **Last Date for Tender Submission:** 14.10.2025Time :17.00. **Tender Opening Date:** 15.10.2025Time :17.30

02.Improvement of Road From Valmiki Circle to KSRTC Busstand Road and Foot Path in Hosapete City (DMA/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT48558). **Amount put to Tender(in Lakhs):** 125.38. **EMD (in Rs):** 188100.00. **Last Date for Tender Submission:** 29.09.2025Time : 17.00. **Tender Opening Date:** 30.09.2025Time : 17.30

03.IMPROVEMENT OF PLAY GROUND NEAR DEEPAYAN SCHOOL AT WARD NO 31 IN HOSAPETE CITY (DMA/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT48311). **Amount put to Tender(in Lakhs):** 100.31. **EMD (in Rs):** 150500.00. **Last Date for Tender Submission:** 29.09.2025Time : 17.00. **Tender Opening Date:** 30.09.2025Time : 17.30

Interested Contractors shall register on the e-procurement platform to participate in this tender, Contractors can download the tender documents from the https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in platform. Tenders shall be submitted electronically & tender processing fee shall also be paid electronically.

DIPR/Vijayanagar/2025-26/ KSMCA/RO No/236
**Sd/- Project Director**
**District Urban Development cell Vijayanagara District**

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**ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ**

ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಐಟಂವಾರು ದರದ ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಕ್ರ. ಸಂ : 01. ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಹೆಸರು : ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: KUWSDB/2025-26/WS/WORK_INDENT393: ಅಮೃತ್ 2.0 "ಜಲ್ ಹಿ ಅಮೃತ್" ಪ್ರೋತ್ಸಾಹ ಧನದಲ್ಲಿ ಮದ್ದೂರು ಪಟ್ಟಣದಲ್ಲಿನ 500 ಕೆ.ಎಲ್.ಡಿ ಎಂ.ಎಂ.ಬಿ.ಆರ್ ಮಾದರಿಯ ಬಳಸಿದ ನೀರು ಶುದ್ಧೀಕರಣ ಘಟಕಕ್ಕೆ ಇಂಟರ್‌ನೆಟ್ ಆಫ್ ಥಿಂಗ್ಸ್ (IoT) ಆಧಾರಿತ ಸ್ವಯಂಚಾಲಿತ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆಯನ್ನು ಕಲ್ಪಿಸುವುದು ಮತ್ತು ಘಟಕದ ಆವರಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಶೌಚಾಲಯ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ (including 1 year DLP) (Lumpsum Tender-No Variation).
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## 2026 T20 WC likely from Feb 7

The 2026 T20 World Cup is likely to be played from February 7 to March 8 with matches spread across at least five venues in India and two in Sri Lanka, reports PTI from New Delhi.

The final is set to held in Ahmedabad or Colombo, depending on where Pakistan finish in the competition. Pakistan will play all their games in Sri Lanka as part of the agreement reached with the ICC and BCCI. The ICC has identified the window and conveyed it to member boards, though the full schedule is yet to be finalised, reported ESPNCricinfo.

### IN BRIEF

## BDFA Super Div from today

▸ The BDFA Super Division league, Bengaluru top-flight, will get underway at the Bangalore Football Stadium on Wednesday with FC Agniputhra taking on Bangalore City FC in the competition opener, reports DHNS.

**Teams:** FC Agniputhra, Kickstart FC, FC Bengaluru United, Kodagu FC, BFC, South United FC, MEG & Centre FC, HAL FC, SC Bengaluru, MFAR Students Union FC, FC Real Bengaluru, Roots FC, ASC & Centre FC, Parikrma FC, Rebels FC, United Stars FC, Bharat Bengaluru FC, Bangalore Dream United FC, Bangalore City FC

## Darshan stars for KFSSB

▸ Darshan DS netted a hat-trick as Karnataka Forest Department beat Team Wildboar HC 5-3 in the Statelevel DS Murthy memorial hockey tournament at the KSHA Hockey Stadium, reports DHNS.

**Results:** Karnataka Forest Department: 5 (Darshan DS 1st, 34th, 37th, Mithun Bijwad 20th, Hampaiah 32nd, 50th) bt Team Wildboar HC: 3 (Royal Aiyyanna 6th, Kalappa 27th, 48th);Dharwad District Hockey Association: 5 (Subhani Chaparband 1st, Subhani Chaparband 6th, Samrat Jadhav 31st, Prajwal B 40th, Abhishek Bijawad 46th) bt Coorg Direwolves HC: 4 (Shbham Chittiappa 11th, Kowshik 24th, 44th, Akshay 45th).

## 3 K'taka players called-up

▸ Karnataka's Mahek Sharma, Aditi Subramanian and Shravani Shivanna have all been picked to represent India at the FIBA U-16 Women's Asia Cup to be held at Seremban, Malaysia from Sept 13 to 19, reports DHNS.

## Pantazi favoured for main event

**KOLKATA SELECTIONS**

Pantazi, from the stables of Aashay and to be ridden by Trevor Patel, appeals most in the small field of four runners in the fray for the Calcutta Colts Trial Stakes, the second classic of the Calcutta races to be run over a distance of seven furlongs at the races on Wednesday.

The first race starts at 1:45 pm.

**1. Immaculate Handicap - 1100M:** I Smell The Danger 1, City Of Joy 2, Horus The Great 3.
**2. Arezzo Handicap - 1800M:** Heart 1, Garth 2, Cool Daddy 3.
**3. Exception Handicap - 2000M:** Main Street 1, Stormy Ocean 2, Great Guns 3.
**4. Calcutta Colts Trial Stakes - 1400M:** Pantazi 1, Gold Empire 2, Cortado 3.
**5. Stewards Cup - 1400M:** Dubai Princess 1, Vincent Van Gogh 2, High Command 3.
**6. Super Sunrise Handicap (Div I) - 1200M:** Light The World 1, Mathangi 2, Dr Doom 3.
**7. Super Sunrise Handicap (Div II) - 1200M:** Dona Sienna 1, Trillionaire 2, Aldila 3.
**Day's best:** Heart. **Jackpot:** 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7. **I treble:** 2, 3 & 4. **II treble:** 5, 6 & 7.

### ◆ ON TV ◆

**CRICKET**

**Asia Cup:** India vs United Arab Emirates **(8:00 pm)**. **LIVE** on **Sony Ten 1**.

**1st T20I:** England vs South Africa **(11:00 pm)**. **LIVE** on **FanCode.**

**HOCKEY**

**Women's Asia Cup:** Malaysia vs Singapore **(9:45 am)**; Thailand vs Chinese Taipei **(12:00 pm)**; India vs Korea **(2:15 pm)**; China vs Japan **(4:30 pm)**. **LIVE** on **Sony Ten 2**.

**CRICKET ASIA CUP**

# It's a David vs Goliath battle

**Defending champions India take on UAE in their opening clash**

**R KAUSHIK**
DUBAI

**Flanked by his Afghanistan and Sri Lanka counterparts Rashid Khan (left) and Charith Asalanka (right), Indian captain Suryakumar Yadav addresses the media at the unveiling of the Asia Cup in Dubai on Tuesday.** PTI

David having a go at Goliath is one of the most enduring, endearing subtexts to a sporting contest. There is something about the underdog refusing to kowtow to the mighty that eternally appeals to audiences at a very basal level.

In the current cricketing ecosystem, there can't be a more textbook David vs Goliath faceoff than UAE, the local favourites, locking horns with India, the world's best side, at the T20 Asia Cup on Wednesday. The sports romantic will root for a popular win for 15th-ranked Muhammad Waseem's boys at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium, but it is unlikely that Suryakumar Yadav and his men will be in an obliging mood.

Seven months since their last Twenty20 International, which produced a commanding 150-run pasting of England in Mumbai, India rekindle their romance with a format in which they have excelled in the last few years. Despite their unexpected triumph at the inaugural T20 World Cup in 2007, India were largely circumspect and conservative in the 20-over game until a first-round elimination from the 2021 World Cup in these same lands compelled them to change tack.

Under the new management group of Rohit Sharma and head coach Rahul Dravid, India redefined their approach to the shortest iteration. They swapped hesitancy with breathtaking positivity, treading the thin line between carefree and careless with practised aplomb.

Their investment in T20 specialists has paid handsome dividends; under Rohit, unbeaten India surged to the T20 World Cup title in June last year, after which they have swept to authoritative victories in all five bilateral series, the last four under Suryakumar Yadav.

There has been no change in mindset and attitude despite a shake-up in the leadership structure; Suryakumar and Gautam Gambhir have reprised the Rohit-Dravid formula and ensured that India remain one of the most feared, consistent and entertaining 20-over outfits. Over the next three weeks, starting from the joust against UAE, India will attempt to lay down the marker all over again, with the next World Cup less than six months away.

UAE have nothing to lose, and they are certain to play like a team with nothing to lose. They have been busy in the last few months, determined to make the most of the chance to play against India and Pakistan and to prove that their march to the ACC Men's Premier Cup in Oman last year was no flash in the pan. Their coach, Lalchand Rajput, has as much first-hand knowledge of India as anyone not intricately associated with Indian cricket can. The former India opener has moulded his wards into a competitive unit, though how competitive they will be allowed to be depends entirely on how quickly India are able to rediscover their mojo after this unusually extended hiatus.

India's problem of plenty has resulted in Shreyas Iyer becoming surplus to requirement. It's also almost certain that with Shubman Gill reintegrated into the 20-over mix, Sanju Samson will make way for middle-order bruiser Jitesh Sharma. Iyer was electric in IPL 2025, while Samson has smashed three centuries in his last 10 T20Is. Not too many other teams will remain unweakened by the omissions of such pedigreed performers.

Bolstered by the presence of Jasprit Bumrah, India's primary selection headache will revolve around how to fit both wrist-spinners, Kuldeep Yadav and Varun Chakravarthy, into the XI without compromising batting depth. Truth to tell, not the worst headache to have.

## Afghanistan hammer HK

**ABU DHABI, PTI:** Afghanistan defeated Hong Kong by 94 runs in the Asia Cup tournament opener at the Sheikh Zayed Stadium here on Tuesday.

Opting to bat, opener Sediqullah Atal and Azmatullah Omarzai hit fine fifties as Afghanistan posted 188 for six. Atal (73 not out off 52 balls) and Mohammad Nabi (33) shared a 51-run stand for the third wicket before Omarzai provided the late charge with a blazing 21-ball 53. In reply, Hong Kong could manage only 94 for nine.

**Brief scores:** Afghanistan: 188/6 in 20 overs (Sediqullah Atal 73 n.o., Azmatullah Omarzai 53; Ayush Shukla 2-54, Kinchit Shah 2-24) bt Hong Kong: 94/9 in 20 overs (Babar Hayat 39; Fazalhaq Farooqi 2-16, Gulbadin Naib 2-8) by 94 runs.
**PoM:** Sediqullah Atal

# India, Pak not to curb aggression

DUBAI, PTI

**Salman Ali Agha**

India skipper Suryakumar Yadav on Tuesday said his side will not hold back on aggression in the high-voltage Asia Cup clash against Pakistan on September 14 as it is an important aspect of playing international sport.

His Pakistani counterpart Salman Ali Agha had identical views -- no instructions but no shying away from it either. Before the Pakistan game, India will open their campaign against the UAE on Wednesday.

"Temper? Sir, aggression is always there on the field when we take the field. And without aggression, I don't think you can play this sport. And I'm sure, I'm very excited to take the field on the front foot," Suryakumar replied when asked whether players will be told to dial down the intensity in the much-awaited Sunday clash of the T20 event.

The Asia Cup match is being held in the backdrop of border tensions between India and Pakistan after 26 tourists were killed by terrorists in Pahalgam earlier this year leading to military action by India under Operation Sindoor.

Salman held a similar view on aggression but added that he wouldn't be issuing any specific instructions to his players.

"Well, you don't need to say anything to any player. Because everyone is individually very different. If someone wants to be aggressive on the field, they are more than welcome to do that. "When it comes to fast bowlers, they are always aggressive," Salman said.

The captains' press conference and the trophy unveiling ceremony was followed by a question and answer session. The emcee requested the media to ask only apolitical questions.

The Indian skipper was also asked if he would like to see a change in his team's approach and philosophy. "Why are you needling me?" he cheekily retorted. "When you play a format you need to know how good is your preparation. Why mend something that isn't broken? If something has given us results why would we need to change that aspect separately?" he said.

## India's record in Asia Cup T20

| Series | 2016 | 2022 |
|---|---|---|
| Matches | 5 | 5 |
| Won | 5 | 3 |
| Lost | 0 | 2 |
| Win% | 100.0% | 60.0% |
| Position | Champion | 2nd round |

**INDIA'S OVERALL T20I RECORD**

| | P | W | L | Win % |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| In Dubai | 9 | 5 | 5 | 55.6 |
| since 2024 | 31 | 28 | 3 | 90.3 |

**CAPTAINCY RECORD**

| | W | L | Win % |
|---|---|---|---|
| Suryakumar Yadav | 18 | 4 | 81.8 |
| Muhammad Waseem | 34 | 22 | 60.7 |

Since 1984, 16 editions of Asia Cup have been held with India winning 8 times followed by Sri Lanka (6) and Pakistan (2).

Out of 16 iterations, twice the event has been held in T20 format with India and Sri Lanka winning once each.

Compiled by **Arun Gopalakrishnan**

# Abhilash, Vidwath run through Madhya Pradesh

BENGALURU, DHNS

**Abhilash Shetty of KSCA XI acknowledges the claps after taking five wickets against Madhya Pradesh at the Chinnaswamy Stadium on Tuesday.** DH PHOTO/ BK JANARDHAN

Abhilash Shetty starred with the ball for KSCA XI as Madhya Pradesh were bowled out for 162 in 64.1 overs on Day 1 of the second round match in the Dr (Capt) K Thimmappaiah Memorial Tournament here on Tuesday.

The left-arm seamer grabbed 5/18 and he was well supported his senior pace team-mate Vidwath Kaverappa as the hosts called shots in pacer-friendly conditions.

MP, however, struck back towards the end, reducing KSCA XI to 38/2 at stumps. The home team trails by 124 runs now.

Elsewhere, Karthikeya KP's century put KSCA Colts in command against Andhra Pradesh. The Colts reached 373/6 in 89 overs at SJCE, with Karthikeya striking 115. He was well supported by Sanjay Ashwin (80) and Aneeshwar Gautam (47).

**Brief scores: At SJCE:** KSCA Colts: 373/6 in 89 overs (Prakhar Chaturvedi 30, Vishal Onat 26, Harshil 26, Karthikeya KP 115, Aneeshwar Gautam 47, Sanjay Ashwin 80, Mohsin Khan 34 n.o.; KSN Raju 2-64, K Maheep Kumar 2-41) vs Andhra Pradesh.
**At M Chinnaswamy Stadium:** MP: 162/10 in 64.1 overs (Rishabh Chouhan 48, Saumy Pandey 28; Vidwath Kaverappa 3-21, Abhilash 5-18) vs KSCA XI: 38/2 14.4 overs (Aryan Pandey 2-15).
**At Alur 3:** KSCA Secretary's XI: Lochan Gowda 59, Dhruv P 25, Kruthik Krishna 73, Madhav P Bajaj 35 n.o.; Mukhter Hussain 2-52, Riyan Parag 3-88) vs Assam.
**At Alur 2:** Maharashtra: 136 all out in 41 overs (Mehul Patel 54; Arjun Tendulkar 5-36, Lakhmesh Pawane 2-35) trail by 22 runs to Goa: 158/5 in 46 overs (Abhinav Tejrana 77; Nikit Dhumal 2-22, Akshay Waikar 2-69).
**At SDNRW Ground:** Himachal Pradesh: 265/3 in 90 overs (Ankush Bains 109, Ankit Kalsi 106; Bhargav Bhatt 2-60) vs Baroda.
**At RSI:** Gujarat: 241/7 in 90 overs (Abhishek Desai 38, Aarya Desai 51, Manan Hingrajia 73, Urvil Patel 26; Irfan Umair 3-41, Himanshu Singh 3-71) vs Mumbai.
**At BGS:** Vidarbha: 320/4 in 90 overs (Atharva Taide 170, Aman Mokhade 60, Shivam Deshmukh 58; Adithya Nair 2-47) vs KSCA President's XI.
**At Alur 1:** Tripura: 237/6 in 84 overs (Hrituraj Ghosh Roy 63, Anandh Bhowmik 26, Swapnil Singh 28, Bikram Debnath 31 n.o., Subham Ghosh 43; Shashank Tiwari 3-57) vs Chhattisgarh.

## Kandi's century powers Palar SC to final

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** Kandi Kuppa Kashvi's brilliant 136 off 88 balls powered Palar Sports Club (Kolar) into the final of the KSCA Women's League 2025–26 on Tuesday.

Her knock, studded with 19 fours and three sixes, lifted Palar SC to 315/10 in 38.4 overs in the 50-over match. Shreya Chavan (50) and Soumya Verma (30) added useful runs. In reply, Vultures Cricket Club were bundled out for 114 in 28.4 overs, with Bhakti Shetty (3/34) and Shreyanka Patil (2/26) doing the damage. Palar won by 201 runs.

**Brief scores: Semifinals:** Palar Sports Club, Kolar: 315 all out in 38.4 overs (Shreya Chavan 50, Kandi Kuppa Kashvi 136, Soumya Verma 30, BG Tejashwini 27; Srinithi 2-68, Chinmayi Shivanand 4-93, Bhumika R 2-56) bt Vultures Cricket Club: 114 all out in 28.4 overs (Kinjal B Patel 27 n.o.; Shreyanka R Patil 2-26, Bhakti Shetty 3-34).
Hammonds Cricket Club: 110 all out in 47.3 overs (Aditi R 36; Niki Prasad 4-18, Chandasi K 2-17) lt to Rajajinagar Cricketers: 111/3 in 20.4 overs (Lavanya Chalana 34, Mithila Vinod 34 n.o.).

# Vijaya CC crowned U-19 champions

BENGALURU, DHNS

**Vijaya CC, winners of the KSCA Group I - I, II and III Division under-19 inter-club tournament. STANDING (from left): Pranav Kedlaya, Chetan Rangraj, Rishabh Adiga, Vaibhav C, Harshil A, Hardhik C, Dhyaan Mahesh Hiremath, Aadharsh SJ, Manish Patil and Om Agarwalla. SITTING: Aniketh Reddy, Anvay Dravid (c), K Jeshwanth (head coach), Ashwin Ram, Dhruv Krishnan**

Aadharsh SJ slammed a measured hundred while Pranav Kedlaya struck a fifty as Vijaya Cricket Club beat Vultures Cricket Club by three wickets to be crowned champions of the KSCA Group I - I, II and III Division under-19 inter-club tournament here.

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Batting first, Vultures CC posted 263 all out in 49.2 overs, with Arnav Mishra contributing 87 and Tejas Reddy chipping in with 54. Chasing 264 for the crown, Samyak Vellalore's 5/46 sent some jitters in the VCC camp, but Aadharsh (132) and Pranav (82) stepped up to help Vijaya CC emerge victorious.

**Brief scores:** Vultures Cricket Club: 263 all out in 49.2 overs (Atharv Malviya 25, Arnav Mishra 87, Akshath Prabhakar 33, Tejas Reddy 54, Banesh SP 26; Dhyaan Mahesh Hiremath 3-39, Aniketh Reddy 2-38, Chetan Rangraj 3-48) lt to Vijaya Cricket Club: 264/7 in 49.1 overs (Aadharsh SJ 132, Pranav Kedlaya 82; Samyak Vellalore 5-46).

## Vaibhav, Pratham star for BGSNPS

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** Unbeaten half-centuries from Vaibhav Sathish and Pratham Rao, followed by three-for from Krishang Sangeeta Rao helped BGS National Public School beat School Vivekananda in a truncated fixture in the under-16 school tournament for the KM Ramprasad Shield here.

**Brief scores:** BGS National Public School, Hulimavu: 162/2 in 24 overs (Vaibhav Sathish 86 n.o., Pratham Rao 55 n.o.) bt School Vivekananda: 75 all out in 23.1 overs (Dhruv Acharya H 41; Thanav Abhishek 2-16, Krishang Sangeeta Rao 3-8). (Start of the match was delayed due to wet outfield, later was revised to 24 overs per side).
Army Public School: 29 all out in 22.2 overs (Kodatala Sai Shravan Reddy 2-6, Tejasvi Sharma 2-2, Gokul Sai Shashank Sunkara 3-12, Harshith Babu Bommineni 2-7) lt to Sri Sri Ravishankar Vidyamandir, B-87: 30/1 in 2.3 overs.

## Satwik-Chirag progress

**HONG KONG, PTI:** India's top men's doubles pair Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty began their Hong Kong Open Super 500 campaign on a winning note on Tuesday, while Kiran George fought his way through qualifying to make the main draw of the men's singles competition here.

Meanwhile, former world No. 1 Kidambi Srikanth (currently 42nd) couldn't make it past the qualifiers as he lost to compatriot and world No. 41 Tharun Mannepalli in straight games 26-28, 13-21. 20-year-old Mannepalli, however, could not sustain the momentum and went down 21-23, 13-21, 18-21 to Malaysia's fourth seed Justin Hoh in his next match.

Satwik and Chirag, on the other hand, overcame Chinese Taipei's Chiu Hsiang Chieh and Wang Chi-Lin 21-13, 18-21, 21-10 in their first match since winning their bronze medal at the World Championships in Paris. The former world No.1 combination looked sharp in the opener, allowed their rivals to force a decider, but reasserted control in the third with their trademark net domination and powerful smashes.

In men's singles, Kiran earned his main draw berth with back-to-back wins in the qualifiers.

# Unbeaten Indians look to tame dangerous Korea

HANGZHOU (CHINA), PTI

**Captain Salima Tete will be looking to lead India from the front when they take on South Korea.**

Unbeaten so far in the tournament, a determined Indian women's hockey team will look to continue their impressive run when they play against South Korea in their first Super 4 stage match of the Asia Cup here on Wednesday.

India started their Asia Cup campaign with a bang, thrashing Thailand 11-0, before settling for a 2-2 draw against South Korea. The Indians then mauled Singapore 12-0 in their last match to top Pool B ahead of Japan on the basis of goal difference.

India will look to carry forward the momentum as they bid to win the title and qualify for next year's World Cup to be held in Belgium and the Netherlands.

World No. 10 India will start as favourites against Japan, ranked 12th in the FIH chart. After Korea, India will take on title contenders China on Thursday before facing Japan on Saturday. Forwards Navneet Kaur and Mumtaz Khan have been in stellar form, scoring five goals each in the pool stage, and the duo will be expected to continue their scoring touch as the team battles for a spot in the final.

Navneet, Mumtaz and Lalremsiami were simply uncontrollable against Singapore as they utilised the chances that came their way. Navneet and Mumtaz dazzled with a hat-trick each in the 12-0 thrasing of Singapore.

Midfielders Neha, Udita, Sharmila and and Rutuja Pisal also shown bright for the team.

## Gukesh loses for second time

**SAMARKAND (UZBEKISTAN), PTI:** World Champion D Gukesh suffered his second straight defeat at the FIDE Grand Swiss, losing to Greece's Nikolas Theodorou in the sixth round here on Tuesday.

Coming off a loss to youngest-ever Grandmaster Abhimanyu Mishra of the USA in the previous round, Gukesh endured another heartbreak from a drawn position as he over pressed leading to complications and was punished.

At the top of the table, Arjun Erigaisi had little trouble holding sole leader Parham Maghsoodloo of Iran.

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